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LABOUR VOTE OF CENSURE.

TWO-DAY DEBATE PLANS.

WIDE FIELD TO BE COVERED.

London, Dec. 8. The Opposition, such as it is, is marshalling all its forces in the House of Commons to-morrow and Thursday, which have been allocated to a debate on a motion of censure, the terms of which will allow of a discussion over a wide field, including the protection of the iron and steel, cotton and other industries.

It is interesting to note that on these subjects a number of Conservative back-benchers had tabled a motion for which there will not now be time.

The House of Commons will rise for the Christmas Recess on Friday, and the day will be devoted to the adjournment motion.

Ministers Kept Busy.

The closing days of the session are, of course, marked by a congestion of business at question-time and to-day's order paper contained one hundred and forty questions for oral answer.

It is significant of the interest taken in matters connected with industry and trade and the economic position of the country, that out of this number, seventy were addressed to the President of the Board of Trade.

No less than eighteen questions aimed at eliciting a promise of an extension of the operation of the Abnormal Importations Act to various articles, and the House was amused when Mr. Runciman, grouping them together, gave a single answer to the effect that it would be improper for him to indicate the articles which might, or might not, be included in future Orders under the Act.

Land Tax Plan.

The anticipated statement of the Government's decision with regard to land valuation for the purpose of the land tax proposals was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Commons at question time, in reply to several members.

He said that as the need for economy had become paramount, the Government, after careful consideration felt they would be justified in incurring further expenditure upon an object which would not produce a return for a considerable time.

The proposed tax would not have become operative till 1933.

Without Prejudice!

Mr. Chamberlain added that the Government proposed, without prejudice to the merits of the plan which had not been under consideration, to suspend work upon the valuation and to disperse the temporary staff engaged in connexion with it.—*British Wireless.*

SILVER POSITION EASIER.

HONGKONG DOLLAR UNCHANGED.

With silver down both in London and New York, conditions on the local market are easier to-day, though the dollar remains unchanged at 1s. 5.9/16d. demand.

The London decline was 3/16ths. The market was quiet, with little speculative buying. After the official fixing, the market was easier, with America inclined to sell.

New York is down 3/8ths, and the market is dull. Silver futures are down, and the market easy.

The cross-rate remains unchanged, with some expectations of an improvement in the near future.

Locally, there are buyers at 1s. 5 1/4d. and sellers at 1s. 5 1/2d. Shanghai is easy at 1s. 11 1/2d.

Messrs. Coldbeck, Macgregor and Co., Ltd. have issued an attractive pocket diary advertising Johnnie Walker whisky, for which they are



Mrs. Helen Willis Moody completely captured the hearts of the spectators at yesterday's exhibition. She gave a brilliant display in wretched conditions. Photos show, left, the termination of a back-hand shot. Right, Helen serving.

JOCKEY CLUB AND BETTING TAX.

ALTERATIONS TO BE SUGGESTED.

STEPS TO AVOID COMPLICATION.

It is not anticipated that the racing public will have to bear the full burden of the new Betting Tax which is designed to come into operation on January 1, 1932. The Hongkong Jockey Club will bear its share.

This view was expressed by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Secretary of the Jockey Club, when seen by the Telegraph this morning, though, he pointed out, it is not official, as the Stewards have not yet met to decide upon their action regarding the new imposition.

The Ordinance is still only in draft form, and he hopes that certain alterations will be made before it is passed into law. He has made certain recommendations in this respect.

None the less, it can be fairly well anticipated that the new burden will be shared by the Jockey Club and the public, although he was not in a position to suggest in what proportion.

Minimum Dividend.

Mr. Brown also made it clear that there was no likelihood, even supposing the public's share of the burden were to be imposed on the dividends, that it would affect in any way the present minimum dividend of \$5.10. The Pari-Mutuel had never paid out less than that amount, and it would be retained as the minimum dividend whatever system was applied for collecting the necessary tax from punters.

GERMANY MINTING NEW COINS.

LARGE SUPPLY OF SILVER NEEDED.

Berlin, Dec. 8. The Reichsbank will shortly be presented with a proposal to mint twenty million five-mark silver pieces, thereby increasing the total of the silver coins in circulation to a value of eleven hundred and forty-two million marks.

The proposal is being considered by the Reichsbank.

Heavy Frost On the Peak.

REMINDER OF 1893 EXPERIENCE.

Few present-day residents would believe that Hongkong once experienced such a heavy frost that icicles a foot long formed on the roof of a match-shed on the Peak. Yet such is the case. The story is told by Mr. L. Gibbs, a former resident, in the current issue of the *Hongkong Naturalist*, in a contribution entitled "The Hongkong Frost of 1893."

At the time, Mr. Gibbs was living at Des Voeux Villas, Mount Kellet, and he says the cold snap lasted several days, though only on one day was 32 degrees registered at the Observatory at Kowloon (103 feet). He continues:

"In the evening of one of the early days of the frost, our household brought in with pride an icicle between six inches and a foot long. I usually walked down by Magazine Gap. The Mount Kellet road was not then concreted and its surface gave the 'crunch' to the feet so well known in frosty weather in the Old Country."

Lawyers on a Slide.

"In the neighbourhood of the Government Villas there was a length of concreted road surface. Here two members of the legal profession, H. E. Pollock and C. D. Wilkinson were found one morning engaged in the illegal pastime of making a slide on the ice-coated roadway. It was raining at the Peak on one of the worst mornings. The rain froze as it fell and I well remember that by the time I reached Magazine Gap a heavy ulster I wore was frozen stiff in front of me."

"The hills were white with hoar frost. To the Chinese in the City this was a novelty. They went up onto the hills and gathered pine branches to take home as curios. Probably with disappointing results."

Accompanying the article is a sketch made from a photo showing icicles at the Upper Tram terminus, some of those on a counter-attack from Hallingford. General Ma Chan-shan, commanding the Japanese forces in Manchuria, has sent representatives to warn General Ma Chan-shan of the serious consequences of a Chinese attack.—*Reuter.*

MA CHAN-SHAN WARNED.

Peking, Dec. 9. General Ma Chan-shan has issued a proclamation announcing his determination to recover lost territories in Manchuria by a counter-attack from Hallingford. General Ma Chan-shan, commanding the Japanese forces in Manchuria, has sent representatives to warn General Ma Chan-shan of the serious consequences of a Chinese attack.—*Reuter.*

TECHNICAL EDUCATION LOCALLY.

Recommendations in Report of Special Committee.

Appointed over a year ago to report on the possibility of increasing facilities for practical technical education and the feasibility of establishing a Trade School, the committee appointed by H.E. the Governor has now made its report. Its immediate recommendation is the establishment of a Technical School, a development which the Committee thinks is urgently needed.

In the interval which is bound to elapse before the School can start work, the Committee urges that a sum of at least \$4,000 be placed annually at the disposal of the Director of Education to enable the Technical Institute to organise and maintain evening classes for the apprentices at or near the Kowloon and Tai Koo Docks.

Closer Co-operation.

The main conclusions of the Committee are as follows:

FIRE ON VESSEL IN HARBOUR.

COAL BUNKER BURNING.

FIRE BRIGADE HELPLESS.

Smoke issuing from a ventilator on board the s.s. Benvenoch, lying at Kowloon Bay, gave warning this morning that something was wrong in one of the holds.

Although the smoke was not heavy, it caused a hurried investigation to be made and it was found out that some coal at the bottom of the ship in No. 3 starboard bunker was alight. The discovery was made at about 9.10 a.m. this morning.

The Fire Brigade was at once notified and two fire floats were despatched.

When it came to tackling the outbreak, however, it was found that there were over 500 tons of coal in the bunker, and that unless the coal on top was shifted, it was impossible to get within striking distance of the centre. In view of the circumstances, the floats were of no use, and the Brigade returned to quarters.

The extent of the fire could not be ascertained as it was impossible to reach it. The fire is being allowed to continue in the belief that it will smother itself. The fire may have been caused by the heat in the bunkers, or by spontaneous combustion.

SNATCHER CAUGHT.

POLICE REQUIRING INFORMATION.

The Police are anxious to get into touch with a gentleman who arrested a snatchcatcher in Queen's Road this morning.

A woman, who was attacked near St. Francis Hotel, raised an alarm and the snatchcatcher was caught by a European or a Portuguese gentleman, who handed him over to the first police arrival and carried on his way without leaving his name.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN DEBTS.

CONVERSATIONS TO BE RESUMED.

London, Dec. 8. Conversations will take place to-morrow between the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, and the Soviet Minister in London on the question of the settlement of outstanding debts and claims of British nationals.

The step is consequent upon the fact that no reply has been received to the note on this subject sent in July to the Soviet Government by Mr. Arthur Henderson, who was then Foreign Secretary.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICA'S BUDGET PROBLEMS.

Huge Deficit in Prospect.

NEW TAXATION.

Washington, Dec. 8. That the United States Treasury will face an enormous deficit, amounting to \$4,400,000,000 (or over \$1,200,000,000 at the present rate of exchange) in the gloomy outlook envisaged by President Hoover in his Message Congress.

The new-elected Congress assembled for the first time to-day, and is faced almost immediately with the task of reducing the anticipated deficit by various means.

The President, in his Message, says that the deficit at the end of the next fiscal year will not be less than the figure indicated unless taxation is increased and expenditure cut down.

President's Proposals.

His proposals for tackling the problem are headed by plans for a huge Federal Finance Reconstruction Corporation, to which the Treasury should be authorised to subscribe a reasonable amount of capital. The Corporation will issue its own debentures and will be liquidated at the end of two years.

Its functions will be to facilitate American agencies and exports, to make advances to agricultural credit agencies and to established industries, railways, and financial institutions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMANY'S FINANCES.

GOLD COVER DOWN TO 12 P.C.

Basle, Dec. 8. Despite a favourable balance of trade of about three hundred and fifty million marks monthly, the Reichsbank gold cover has fallen to twelve per cent. after the deduction of the Reichsbank's foreign currencies liabilities.

This startling fact was revealed by Dr. Melchior, the German delegate to the Young Plan Special Advisory Committee which is considering Germany's ability to pay reparations.

He further stated that the short-term debts of Germany amount to about twelve milliards of marks. The Reichsbank has, in the past six months, repaid about a milliard, Mks. 1,000,000,000.—*Reuter.*

DECEMBER RAIN RECORD.

THREE INCHES IN TWO HOURS!

Over two inches of rain fell in an hour this morning, the heaviest December recording in the history of the Colony.

Between 2.30 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. 1.275 inches were recorded at the Royal Observatory, and between 3.30 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. a further 2.035 inches, making 3.31 inches in two hours.

The previous highest hour's rainfall in December was half an inch in 1890.

The total fall for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 3.48 inches. This also sets a new record, the previous highest rainfall in a single day of December in the past being 1.6 inches in 1888.

The abnormal downpour was the result of a short-lived disturbance which occurred between the Frantas and Hongkong.

The weather report issued this morning says that an anticyclone has formed over S. E. Mongolia, and a depression over Korea.

ECHO OF COAST DISASTER.

DEATH OF OFFICERS OF KWONGSANG.

(Our Own Correspondent).

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Granting the motions, the Judge, Sir Peter Grain, said that, as a mark of sympathy with the relatives, he would not make an order for the bodies to be charred.



Mrs. Willis Moody was able to smile in spite of the unfavourable weather for the matches at the K.C.C. yesterday, as this picture shows.

Medals for Shanghai Police.

BY THE NANKING GOVERNMENT.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Dec. 9. For services rendered in maintaining peace and order in Shanghai, the Ministry of War of the Nanking Government has decided to confer medals upon three leading members of the police of the International Settlement.

The medal to be conferred is the first class "A" medal of the Military, Naval and Air Force.

The recipients are Captain R. M. J. Martin, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. R. C. Aiers, the Crime Commissioner, and Mr. T. P. Givens, the Assistant Commissioner.

They are the first foreigners to be so decorated.

India Policy Debate.

House of Lords Divided.

Maiden Speech By Lord Irwin.

London, Dec. 8. A debate took place to-night in the House of Lords on a motion approving the Government's Indian policy, as set out in the recent White Paper, giving the statement made by the Prime Minister at the close of the Round Table Conference.

The Under-Secretary for India, Lord Lothian, expressed the belief that the work done by the two Round Table Conferences represented a stage in the evolution of the relations between India and Britain, the importance of which it was impossible to exaggerate.

The foundations of the new constitution for India must rest on the three principles which had emerged from the discussions of the last four years, namely Federation, Responsibility and Safeguards.

He intimated that the Government could not accept the amendment qualifying the terms of the White Paper which was subsequently moved by Lord Lloyd and opposed by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Sankey, on the grounds that it would excite suspicion in India. Great as had been the British



Lord Lloyd, who revealed his Die-Hard Toryism in the debate on India in the House of Lords.

achievements in India for the welfare of the people, much remained to be done. Lord Sankey referring to the abstractions current in the recent discussion such as Dominion Status, said he preferred the simple statement that India desired a greater share in the management of her own affairs and the problem was how this was to be accomplished. He believed they were on the eve of a peaceful solution of the Indian problem.

Lord Snell, speaking for the Opposition, appealed to the Indian people to trust Britain. Lord Burnham expressed fears regarding the future procedure proposed by the Government.

Lord Irwin's Maiden Speech.

He was followed by Lord Irwin, the former Viceroy, who in a maiden speech, said he had no doubt that a great advance had been made when Britain decided to give India an equal opportunity with itself to be the architect of the future constitution.

It was foolish to underestimate the common ground that had been exhibited between the various groups of the delegates at the Round Table Conference.

Lord Lloyd had referred to the litter of paper constitutions in eastern countries, but were they not to learn anything from the stirrings in Turkey, Iraq, Persia, China and Japan which had manifested themselves in different ways.

He believed it was a profound delusion to treat events in India as the work of a minority which, firmly and effectively handled, would fade away and give no more trouble.

He expressed the opinion that if the system of political democracy did not suit India once she was allowed the freedom to choose, she would evolve the necessary variations. He welcomed the fact that the Prime Minister's statement had raised a British policy above the year's fluctuations in political accidents.

The debate was adjourned.

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SPITTING EVIL.

SANITARY BOARD APPROVES
BY-LAWS.

"A BAD OLD HABIT."

With the full support of the Chinese members, the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon unanimously passed the new by-laws prohibiting spitting in eating houses.

The President of the Board, Mr. G. R. Sayer was in the chair, and others present were Hon. Mr. H. T. Crossy, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, Dr. G. W. Pope, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, and Messrs. Wong Kwun-tin, L. C. F. Bellamy, J. H. Gelling (Secretary) and J. Hargreaves (Assistant Secretary).

The by-laws, as finally passed, read:

(i) No person shall spit in any Eating House except into spittoons provided for the purpose.

(ii) The licensee shall cause to be continuously displayed, in a conspicuous position on every floor of his licensed premises, while such premises are open to the public, a notice or notices of a size and form approved by the Board, and in a language prescribed by the Board, requiring his customers not to spit on the floor; provided that the Board may, in its discretion, exempt in writing any premises from the above requirement, and may revoke such exemptions.

(iii) The licensee shall cause any phlegm, spit or saliva found on the floor of his premises to be promptly swept up and removed; and in the event of his providing one or more spittoons, shall cause a sufficient quantity of a disinfectant fluid to be kept continuously in such spittoons while in use; and shall thoroughly cleanse them daily at the close of business.

President's Speech.

In submitting the motion, the President said:

The original suggestion that we should make a by-law prohibiting spitting in eating-houses came from the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga shortly before he left the Board. I am glad to have the opportunity of giving effect to that suggestion.

I am even more gratified to know that in putting this draft before the Board I have the whole-hearted support—in addition to the Medical Officer of Health—of both my Unofficial colleagues on the Select Committee which deals with the licensing of Eating Houses, Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. T. N. Chan. There is no doubt their opinions carry great weight with that important section of the community whose welfare we are chiefly thinking of—namely the Chinese of slender or very slender means.

The disease at which we aim in these by-laws is the disease of tuberculosis to which Mr. M. K. Lo drew the attention of the Board and the Government some seven months ago. I recall that, on that occasion, I remarked on the unerring precision with which Mr. Lo isolated the proper object of attack; for it has long been my conviction that tuberculosis merited our attention above all other diseases.

Let me make again the quotation I made from the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1921.

20,000 Deaths in Ten Years.

"The total deaths in the Colony from tuberculosis diseases during 1921 amounted to 1,894 where the total deaths from all the principal notifiable infectious diseases and including those from Malaria, influenza, measles, and dysentery which are not notifiable, amounted to 1,280. This group of diseases includes typhoid and paratyphoid fever, plague, small-pox, cholera and diphtheria.

SOME CHRISTMAS RECORDS

- 67190 Christians Awake
Mark the Herald Angels
Choir
- 67191 O Come, All Ye Faithful
Good Christian Men
Choir
- 67192 The First Noel
While Shepherds Watched
Choir
- 67193 Good King Wenceslas
God Rest Ye
Chimes
- 3814 Admet Fideles
O Sanctissima
Choir
- 1579 The Manger Throne
The First Noel
Choir

ANDERSON'S

The difference between these two totals shows 614 more deaths from tuberculosis than from all the dangerous infectious diseases from which the Colony suffers in epidemic form either continuously—as in the case of malaria—or from time to time—as in the case of plague, cholera and small-pox. Tuberculosis takes its steady toll in deaths year by year and attracts no great notice.

Since that date, forty deaths have occurred every week; 2,000 each year; 20,000 in ten years—from tuberculosis.

The attention of the Board has hitherto been distracted by plague and small-pox. But I would point out that the Colony has been entirely free from plague for the last eight years and that we have, after a good deal of groping, found the complete—the absurdly simple and the only—solution to the problem of small-pox: namely vaccination. That being so the way is clear for the Board to attack the main position—namely tuberculosis.

Housing Problem.

I recall that, in supporting an amendment to Mr. M. K. Lo's resolution on the occasion referred to which had the effect of emphasising the importance of prevention rather than cure, I remarked that until we get an improved standard of housing we must expect a high level of mortality from tuberculosis.

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" Heavy Satin Crepe " 27"	2.80 "
" Crepe-De-Chene " 36"	1.70 "
" Georgetown Crepe " 36"	1.60 "
" Muri Crepe " 32"	3.50 "
" Liberty " 36"	4.00 "
Striped Spun Crepe (Heavy) 27"	1.50 "
Printed Crepe 27"	1.90 "
Georgette 36"	2.20 "
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THE GUILTY LIPS

by LAURA LOU BROOKMAN Author of "MAD MARRIAGE"

CHAPTER XLVIII

There was no light in the hall and the room was in dusk. The figure outlined in the doorway was indistinct.

One glance told Norma that it was not Chris. "Oh!" she said, "I thought it was someone else!"

She stepped forward and at the same moment the man in the doorway moved. Norma could see his face more clearly. Suddenly she felt as though the floor were sinking beneath her. Her heart pounded terribly and something hot and burning caught in her throat. "Mark!" she cried hysterically. "It isn't you! Mark!"

"I hope I didn't startle you."

Mark's voice! Oh, but there was no doubt of it. Mark staring at her as though he, too, could not believe his eyes.

"I telephoned, Norma, but they told me you weren't here. I couldn't wait any longer and so I came."

"But it can't be! It can't be you, Mark!"

The girl swayed. She put out one hand and felt Mark's arm about her. A long way off she seemed to hear his voice. He was saying something about cold water. What was that blackness before her eyes? How was it that Mark was there and she could not see him?

"Mark!" the girl cried again in a trembling voice. "You—have you come back?"

He helped her to the davenport, rested her head against the pillows. Then she felt something cold on her forehead. Mark was holding a cup to her lips, urging her to drink.

"I'm all right," Norma protested. She could see him now. Across the room the table lamp was burning. Mark was on his knees beside the davenport. His face was close to Norma's.

"Better now?" he asked.

The girl's deeply fringed eyelids widened. She said in a voice barely above a whisper, "How did you get here?"

"I'll tell you. I'll tell you everything just as soon as you're feeling better. It's not much of a story! Might have known the shock would do something like this. I did tell I am! Here—can I fix those pillows more comfortably?"

Norma shook her head. "It's as though I'm dreaming," she said softly. "You'll go away when I wake up, won't you?"

"I won't go," Mark reassured her, "unless you send me. I didn't know you'd been sick, Norma. You're thinner. You look pale, too." As the girl struggled to rise he added, "Don't move. Just lie there and rest a little longer."

Norma objected. There was nothing wrong with her, she said. She wanted to know where Mark had come from? What had he been doing?

"I've never heard anything about you," she said, "since you went away. I didn't get any letters."

The young man sat facing her. "It's a pretty rotten story," he said soberly. "I ought to be ashamed to tell it to you—and I am! Only I had to come to see you, Norma. I had to talk to you. All this that's been in the papers—I didn't know anything about it until I got a letter from Hollis Stone. That was three weeks ago. I've been travelling ever since."

"But you didn't tell me where you've been."

"Didn't I? South America. Oh, I forgot—of course you don't know. Norma, I came to tell you there's nothing I wouldn't do to erase the injustices you've been through. I was to blame for part of them. Oh, yes I was! Only a blind fool like myself would have believed the things the lawyers told me in Paris. I couldn't understand why you hadn't written."

"But I did write! So many letters."

"While I was in Paris? You wrote to me there?"

Norma nodded. Mark said bitterly, "So that's another way they tricked me! Well, that about makes it complete. I guess you've been glad to be rid of me all right. About as poor a specimen of husband as ever lived! I don't expect you to take me back, Norma. I didn't even come here with that hope. I only want to tell you I know you've been fine and square all along. I knew that even when I listened to their lies."

For a burning instant their eyes met. It was Norma who was first to look away.

"It's good of you to say that," she told him slowly. "But you mustn't blame yourself for everything. I've made mistakes—lots of them."

"But I do blame myself! You did more for me than anyone else in the world ever has. Those months with you were the happiest of my life and I threw that happiness away." Travers went on after a pause. "Seems odd finding you here in the old apartment. I didn't know where to look for you. I telephoned because I thought Chris might be here."

Norma said, "I'm still living with Chris."

Mark glanced about, noting the shabby furnishings. Obviously there was not much money here.

"I'm working in an office in the same building where Chris works," Norma explained. "I'm secretary for a literary agent—Frederick Stuart. But you haven't told me what you've been doing in South America. When did you go there?"

"Over a year ago. I—well, I didn't want to come back when I thought you were gone. My father told me you'd run away. I didn't know how to find you so I went to South America with an engineer I'd met in the copper mines. We've been working together ever since. Nice fellow. Allen's his name. You'd like him, Norma. I don't know anything about engineering but he's been teaching me. It's a wonderful country down there. I'm going back again."

"To South America?"

Travers nodded. "Oh, I couldn't hang around here. Nothing for me to do in Marlboro."

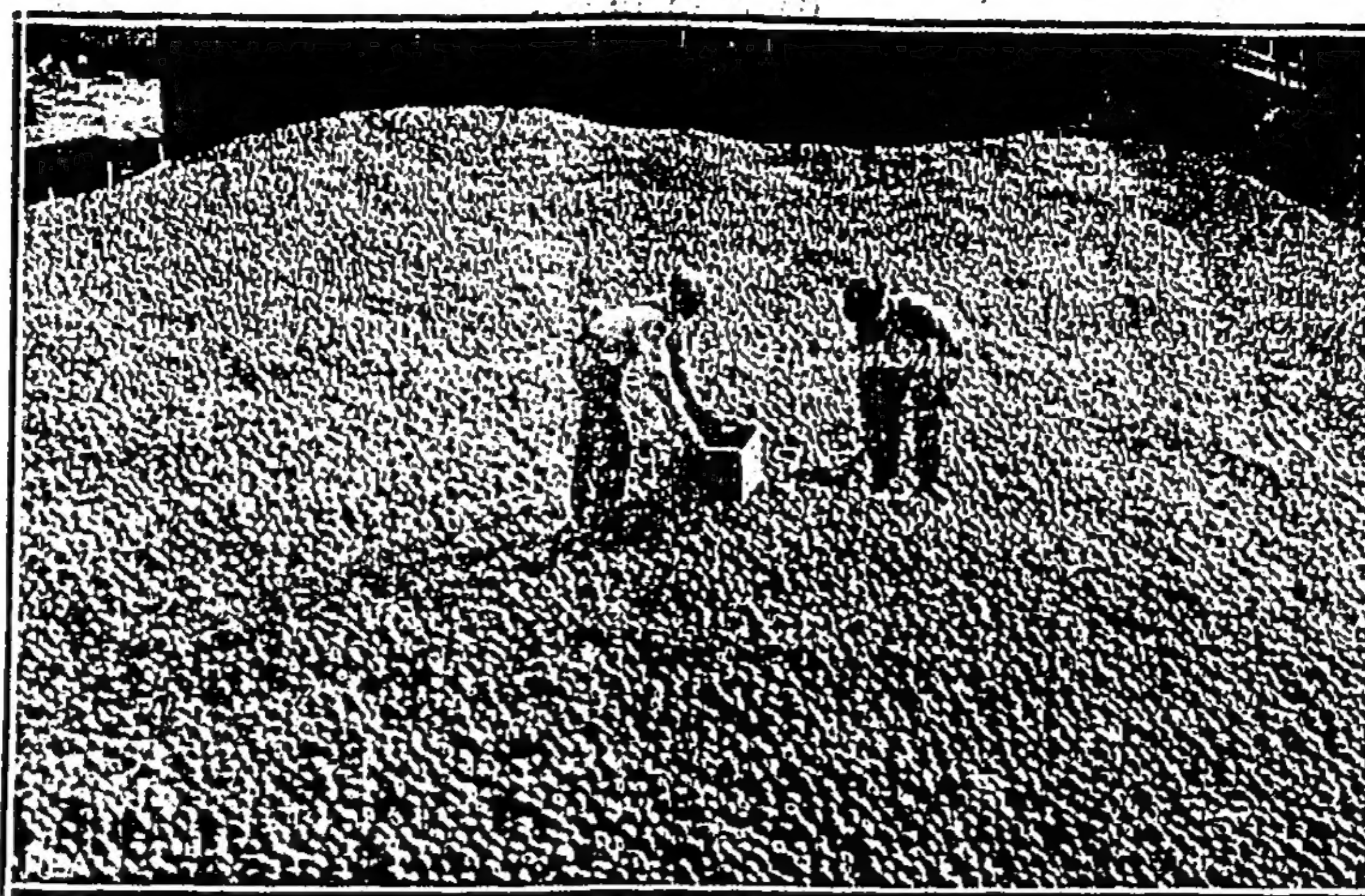
They talked of inconsequential things—as men and women who have a great deal to say to each other so often do. Finally Mark arose. He strode to the window and came back.

"Norma," he said, "there's something else. I want to make a set allowance for you. As though it were alimony. It's been bothering me for months wondering if you had money, thinking you were working too hard. Besides it's only fair."

"But I couldn't take it!" the girl interrupted. "I couldn't, Mark! It's kind of you but please don't say any more about it."

He seemed disappointed. "I want to tell you it's my own money."

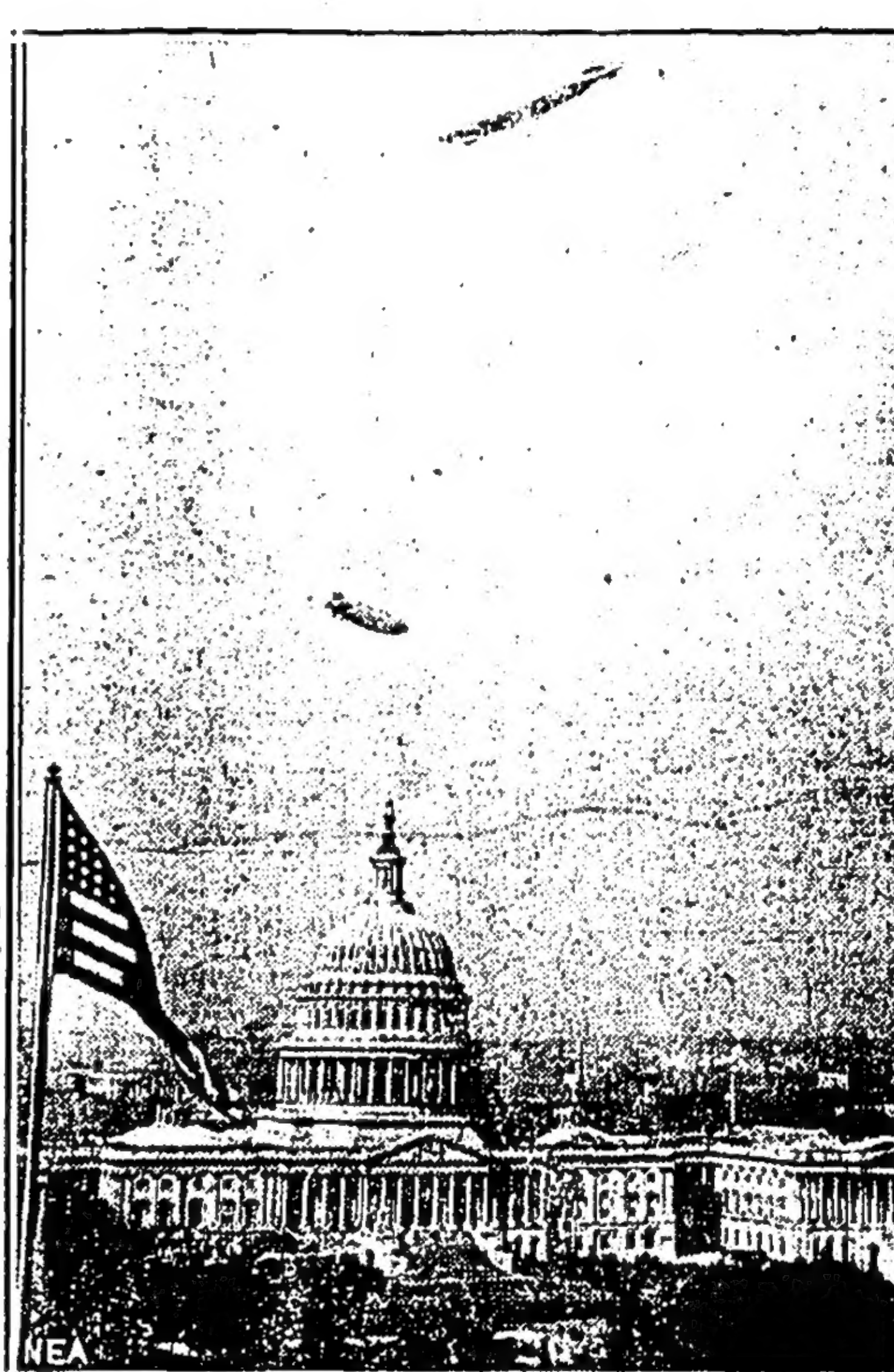
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I'm talking about. I'm not rich but we're getting along fairly well. You see it was really you who taught me how to work, Norma. I can't do the things I'll always be indebted to you for."

She smiled. "As a floorwalker in a department store?"

"Yes, as a floorwalker. Those weeks at Blossomdale's were good for me. Impulsively he asked, 'We used to have fun—didn't we?' Norma's smile disappeared. 'Yes,' she agreed. 'We had fun.' There was a pause. Travers lingered his hat. 'Well,' he said, 'you're tired and I shouldn't stay longer. I'm only here for a few days but I'd like to see you again before I go.'

"I don't think we'd better, Mark. It's—rather useless."

"You mean you don't want to see me?"

"Something like that. Of course I wish you luck—and lots of happiness."

Abruptly he caught her hand. "Norma—!" Travers began and stopped abruptly. The door from the corridor had opened. Chris Saunders stood there. In her arms was a tiny blanketed figure.

"I didn't know anyone was here!" Chris exclaimed. "Why—is it you, Mark?"

There came a wail from the bundle of blankets. In two bounds Norma had the infant in her arms. "Darling!" she cried. "Oh, you little precious! How did you get him, Chris? How did you?"

"By going to the Friendship Home. You could have had him back days ago only after that threatening letter we didn't think it was safe."

Norma was not listening. She was pulling off the clumsy blankets and the baby's cap. The brown hair, curling and downy, became visible. Brown eyes smiled serenely. "Bhrr—bhrr!" the baby gurgled gaily. "Bhrr—bhrr!"

Norma's face had become rapturous. She pressed the child close in her arms. "Mother's precious," she crooned. "Oh, you darling! You're never going to be away from me again! Never—never!" She swayed slightly, rocking the child.

Travers' voice broke in excitedly. "Norma, you didn't tell me—you don't mean—!"

He stared from one girl to the other.

It was Chris who supplied the answer. "Yes," she said briskly.

"It's your son, Mark. You ought to be introduced to him. Only don't think love nor money will ever get him away from her. Not the slightest chance!"

Travers dropped to his knees beside Norma and the baby. "Why, Norma!" he exclaimed, "why didn't you tell me? Oh, you can't hate me the way I thought you did! You can't! Give me another chance, darling? I love you so, Norma. I'll do anything in the world if you'll only give me another chance. You and me—and the baby!"

"Mark," Norma said the words softly, "do you—really mean you want me?"

"More than my own life! Say you'll come back to me, Norma. Say you will!"

There were tears of happiness on her lashes. They made the blue eyes even more star-like. "Of course, dear," she murmured. "Mark—kiss me!"

The baby's voice rose in a dissonant wail and Chris made a grab for him. "Let me have that child! Come to your Aunt Chris, angel, before your parents abuse you. By the way—will somebody please enlighten me as to what's been happening here? I'm beginning to think I'm seeing things."

"You'll see a lot more," Travers told her. "Can you come to a wedding to-morrow? First thing in the morning! Norma's going to marry me and we're sailing for South America."

"South America? But you wouldn't Norma!"

The other girl nodded. "Anywhere," she said. "Anywhere at all Mark wants to go!"

Chris sat back. "Well, of all the idiots!" she exclaimed. She saw that they were not listening. Chris raised her voice. "If you two weren't completely lost to the world," she said, "I might give you some news of my own."

"News?"

Chris nodded, blushing. "While you're talking about weddings it might interest you to know there's going to be another soon. I told Bob two days ago I'd marry him."

"You—and Bob? Oh, Chris, that's wonderful!"

"Didn't you guess? Bob told me he tried to talk to you about it. Wanted to ask if you thought I'd have him. As though there'd be a doubt. Oh, Norma, I'm crazy about Bob, I have been for a long while!"

Travers said. Why don't you come along to-morrow? Let's make it a double wedding."

"Do Chris!" Norma chorused.

"Well," she said, "it sounds crazy but I'm willing to if Bob is. I promised to telephone him—and I guess you two will excuse me all right."

They were perfectly willing to do that. As the door closed Norma's head sank to Mark's shoulder. Eager, demanding lips crushed hers. Mark's arms, protecting, irresistible, were about her.

It was a long kiss—it was paradise!

And then after what seemed such a long time Norma heard his voice. The same tone, the same laughing teasing words she had heard so many times. "Happy, kid?"

"Oh, Mark!" the girl breathed. "We're always going to be happy now. Always!"

And so they kissed again.

The End.

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THE CINEMA DISCUSSED.

Lively Debate To-night.

A Debate will be held in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock on the motion "That the Cinema as at present organised is a force for evil."

Messrs. Sprague and Gardner are taking the lead of the negative and positive respectively, and they are being supported by other good speakers.

With so much general interest in the Cinema to-day, the topic for to-night's debate should prove both attractive and interesting and it is anticipated that a good number will be present.

Admission is free and all interested are cordially invited.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1931.

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Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

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The Fourteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (Weather Permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 12th December, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m.

The First Ball will be Rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for Payment of All Chits, &c.

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Members can obtain, upon Application to the Secretary, Badges (Limited to One) for the Free Admission to the Members' Enclosure of Wives, Lady Relatives and Friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy by 5 p.m. on the 11th December. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1931.

MACAU HONGKONG SPORTS CLUB.

NOTICE.

A Draw for a Number of Greyhounds will be held at the Office of the Club, 19, Avenida Almeida Ribeiro, Macau, at an early date.

These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

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"THE HONGKONG NATURALIST."

LATEST ISSUE MOST INTERESTING.

There is much of interest in the latest issue of *The Hongkong Naturalist*, which completes the second year of its existence. Judging by the variety and excellence of the articles, this quarterly is now well established. It is a credit to all concerned.

Major H. P. W. Hutson again writes on the Birds of Hongkong, dealing on this occasion with the penguins and the rollers, whilst "Aymas" has an interesting contribution on Hongkong Doves. There are further notes from Wel-halve by E. A. Aymer, a second contribution by W. A. Seichel on Hongkong Seaweeds, and some interesting notes on collecting and preserving spiders in the tropics by W. R. Sheriffs.

Other features include some notes on how to collect cicadellids and their larvae in Hongkong and vicinity by Walter Horn, and an informative article on the spread of the small *Achatina fulica* to South China, by V. H. C. Jarrett. There is also a most interesting account of the Hongkong Frost of 1893 by L. Gibbs.

CURRENCY MISSION.

VOTE OF \$35,200 FOR EXPENSES.

Twenty-nine items, totalling \$150,500, are included in votes for supplementary expenditure to be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow.

The most interesting item provides for the expenses in connexion with the Currency Mission, passages and out-of-pocket expenses, \$35,202.

The number is freely illustrated.

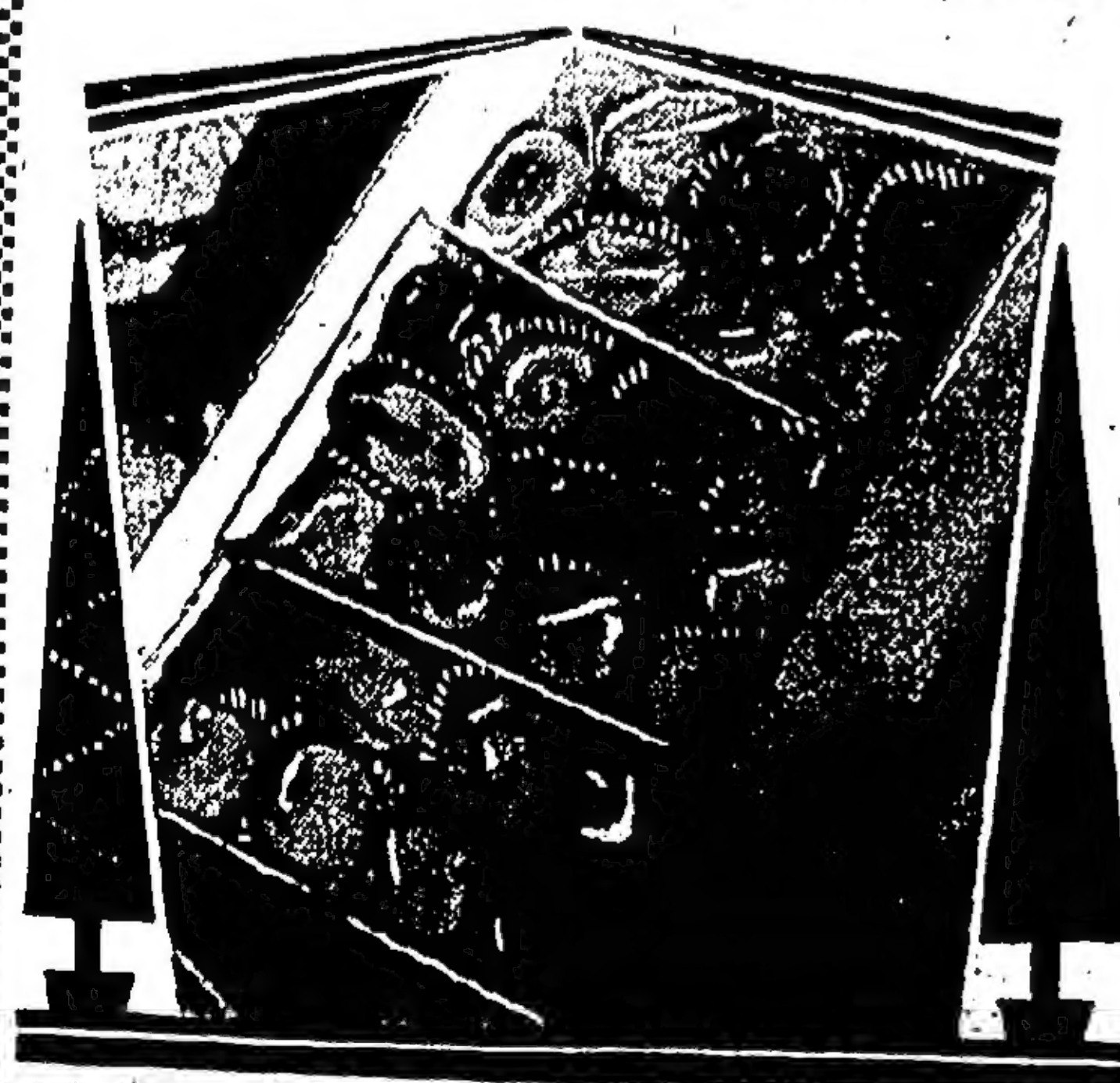
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Japan and Shanghai	Hakone Maru	December 11.
London, Porels only, London, 6th November	Pres. Madison	December 12.
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For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Cremer	Wed., Dec. 9, 8.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsienan	Wed., Dec. 9, 8.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Wed., Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
Haiphong	Song Giang	Wed., Dec. 9, 6 p.m.
Amoy	Tyhadano	Wed., Dec. 9, 6 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 10, 8 p.m.
Holhow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Thurs., Dec. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kusanag	Fri., Dec. 11, 1 p.m.
	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 11, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Fri., Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
Dalny	Teau	Thurs., Dec. 10, 8.30 p.m.
Hankow	Canton	Fri., Dec. 11, 2.30 p.m.
Hilo	Austrus	Fri., Dec. 11, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Fri., Dec. 11, 8.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Dec. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakone Maru	Fri., Dec. 11, K.P.O.
	Reg.	4.30 p.m.
	Letters	4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 9th January)	
Amoy	Kwangtung	Sat., Dec. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C. and Europe via Siberia	President Madison	Sat., Dec. 12, 12.3 p.m.
	Parcels	Dec. 12, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 12, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C., 28th Dec.)	
Manila	Pres. Harrison	Sat., Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
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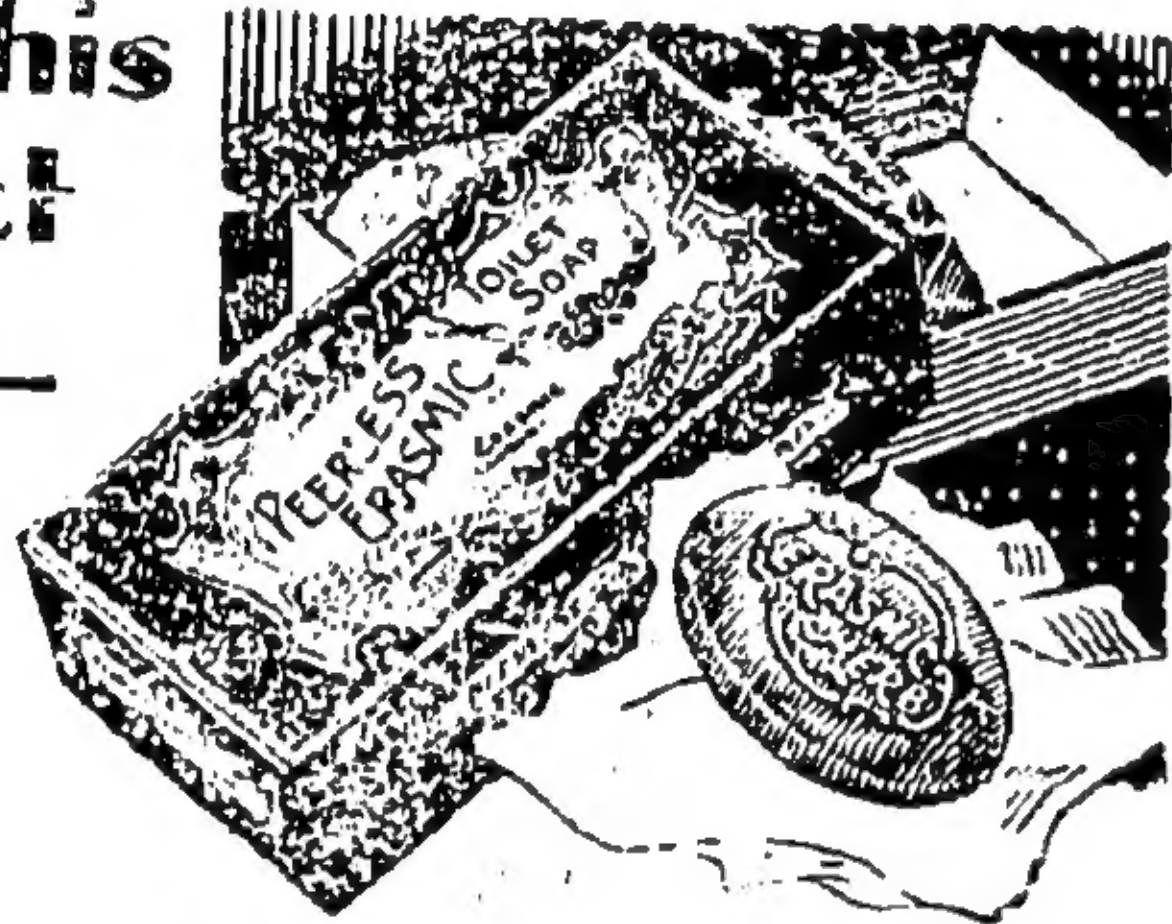
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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

TAKE CARE OF
YOUR FURS.

[By a Furrier.]

Nothing looks more dowdy than a fur that has become soaked with rain. The hairs mat together in a most bedraggled fashion, and the effect is not a pleasant one. Never dry a fur before a hot fire. This is disastrous, as the natural oils in the skin are absorbed by the heat, the leather becomes hard, and the fur begins to "moult." You probably have an attachment on your vacuum-cleaner for drying with warm air. Use this, and dry the fur thoroughly. But take care that the air is warm, not hot. When quite dry, hold the fur by the end, and beat it lightly with a cane. Beat regularly up and down until the whole surface has been covered several times. Then brush with a stiff brush, and comb it gently. Your fur will then be as beautiful as ever.

Should your furs have become dusty through lying neglected during the summer months, you will find the vacuum-cleaner again useful. Care must be taken, however, to fit the proper attachment, as too great a suction may cause damage to the hairs, particularly if they are of a fine quality.

If this fails to remove the dust, it will be necessary to use benzine. But you must be absolutely positive that the fur is "natural"; that is to say, has not been dyed, "tipped," or blended with dyed fur. Otherwise the use of chemicals will utterly ruin it.

To clean a fur with benzine, take a small pad of cotton wool lightly dipped in the liquid, and dab the roots of hair. Change the pads as they become soiled. Now put the fur in a cardboard box in which you have placed a handful each of fine sawdust (sawdust or boxwood, which you can obtain from a cabinetmaker) and a pulverised plaster of paris. Shake the box thoroughly. The mixture will absorb the benzine and remove all dust.

Next, give the fur a gentle beating as already described until every particle of sawdust has been removed.

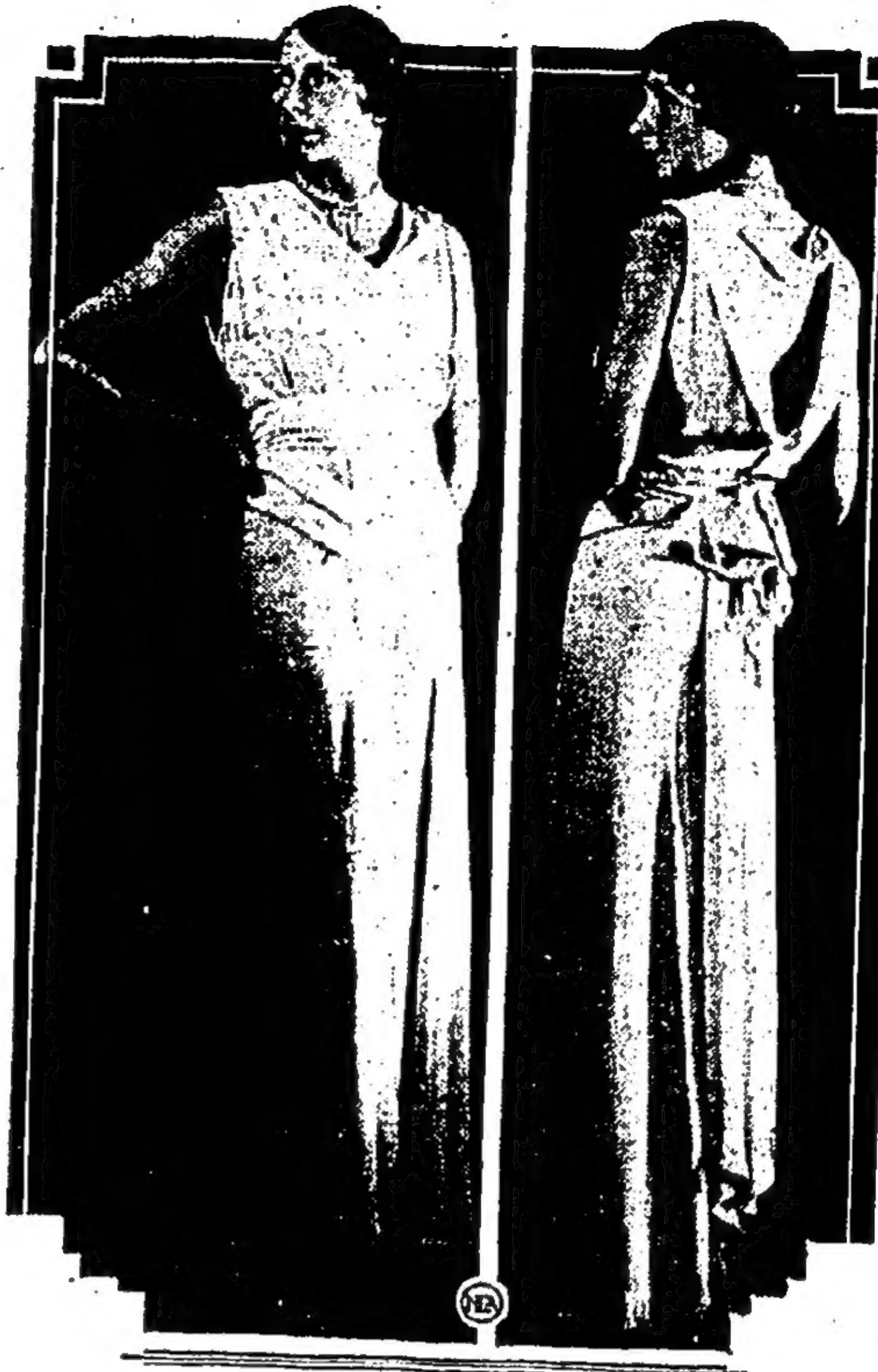
Should there be the slightest doubt as to the nature of the fur, it is highly advisable not to attempt cleaning by means of a chemical. The risk of having it cleaned by a reliable furrier is very slight when compared with the possibility of ruining your fur beyond all hope.

Simply Smart.



Down over one eye, cut away sharply to reveal the hair on the opposite side—this attractive brown velvet hat follows the new headline. It's only decoration is a pearl buckle and a flat bow in back.

FULLNESS BEGINS AT HIPS.



Most of the features of Patou's new evening mode are illustrated by this pink beige gown. The fuller, underlined decollete, full skirt with the twin-pleated panel repeated in front, the sash complete with ends, and the narrow kiting that outlines the hem all are points of interest.

SHAMPOOING

That Curly Coiffure.

The new ways of dressing the hair to suit the hat are raising again the old question, "How often shall I shampoo my hair?" For curls are so lavishly displayed that they must be kept scrupulously dainty and soft, and this demands constant attention.

Many women are now having their hair washed every week or fortnight according to its oily or dry condition, and the choice of shampoo for those who use one at home becomes an urgent problem.

Discover first the exact condition of your hair and scalp. Is it dry, brittle, and inclined to split at the ends? Or lank and oily, refusing to hold the wave, which has, therefore, to be put in three or four times a week? Is it colourless, requiring a special rinse which will make it gleam again?

Eliminate Hard Water.

Here are some suggestions made by London specialists on hair treatment.

A liquid shampoo which requires practically no water, and is wiped instead of rinsed off, minimises the drying effect of hard water.

Hot oil is well known as one of the best tonics for dry and brittle hair. Now it can be obtained made up into shampoos, so that lifeless hair is cleansed and nourished at the same time.

Stimulating Foam.

Another wash of the same kind is intended for dry hair with a lifeless appearance—quite another problem

from that of the dry but brightly coloured hair. It is a stimulating lather made from dissolving certain grains in water and whipping them to a foam. This oil as well as revitalises the hair and brings out its luster. Persevere with brushing and massaging the dry scalp, but do not try to improve oily hair in this way, which stimulates the oily glands.

An unusually strong shampoo, made with a base of coconut oil, completely clears the scalp of oil and the hair of grease. Antiseptic shampoos of pine tar are preferred by some women.

Use a Toothbrush!

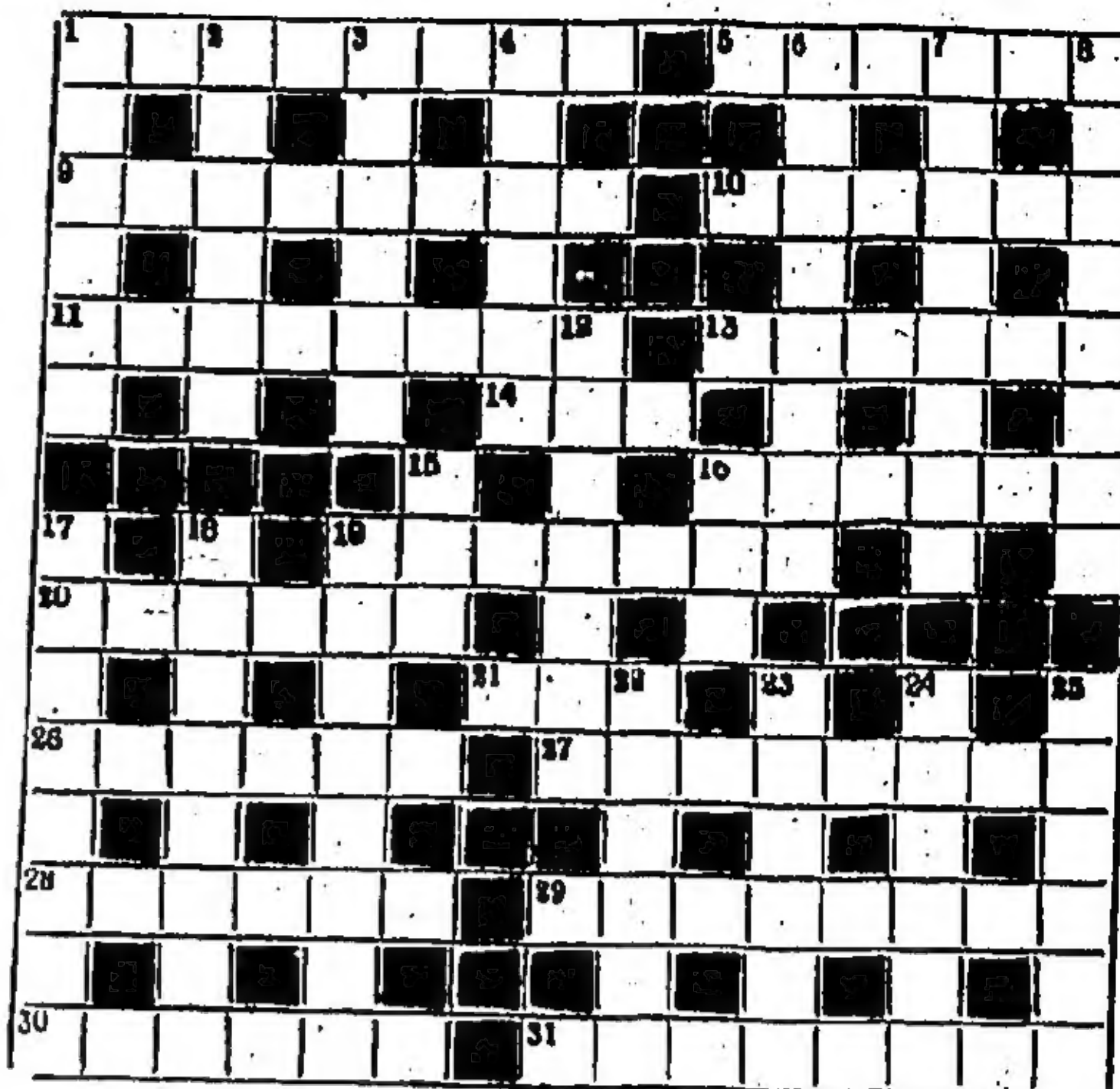
After thorough cleansing at least once a week, a tonic should be used. There is one which can be rubbed into the scalp with a fine, small brush, such as a toothbrush, the lather merely wiped off, and the hair dried and well brushed.

Finished the shampoo with a special rinse to improve the colour of the hair. One made from vegetable is intended to make white hair snowy and lustreous, while henna and camomile should be in constant use among women who wish to display glossy curls beneath the new hats.

SHOE FRILLS.

A pair of black crepe de Chine shoes is decorated in the front with a frill of white ribbon instead of the usual bow. The ruff in the shape of a semi-circle, is of pleated petersham ribbon, and in the middle is placed a large, square glass bead.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 A favourite son.
- 5 The kiddie may appear so, but there's something of the little animal about her.
- 9 Cultivate heather and the dog may be.
- 10 Soup known to golfers and tennis-players.
- 11 "Too dance" (anag.).
- 13 One evidence of great alarm.
- 14 Before either way.
- 16 Mend,—or go!
- 18 Oriental.
- 20 Avoid with a touch of rumination at the end.
- 21 In Rutland.
- 25 Many a Shakespeare play has this ending.
- 27 Dog.
- 28 The old one is in the City of London.
- 29 Such bearings are missing from a car more often than not.
- 30 Possibly in your left at this moment.
- 31 "The—of faults is to be conscious of none." (Carlyle).

Down

- 1 He can often afford to partake of an egg in the refreshment-room.
- 2 Nothing in features are running knots.
- 3 Refer.
- 4 In a net, possibly, if you catch my meaning.
- 6 A number in a fowl will increase one of the dimensions.

- 7 A reward is genuine about leave.
- 8 Waves (or possibly parlour-maid?)
- 12 A sixteenth-century master of learning.
- 15 To do so is necessary to 16 across.
- 16 In the Koran.
- 17 The first letter hints when it is spread, and the rest what's on it.
- 18 A painful malady.
- 19 Another dog (one spelling).
- 22 Phase of revolution.
- 23 Near Hamburg.
- 24 I'm in the hunt and a vehicle.
- 25 Churn.

Yesterday's Solution.

FRACTIONS DUPES
A M O N T A N E
C O N F O R T N E W T O W N
T E L O K N T E
S U S Y S N A I L H E R S
T A I N B E S O
I D Y L L I C G H O S T H
N I L L C A
S P R O N G C O M I C A L
O R W L N S O
L I O N V A L U E O P I E
V I T E M H I A A
E L E C T R I C L A S T I N G
N A R A U S E B L
T I N G E R E A D Y M A D E

STICKERS

A POPULAR GRANDEE OF
CADIZ
ONCE SOME
RITOUS LADIES.
TO HIM, THEY
CHUCKED
A BUT HE DUCKED
WHICH THOSE
WILD LADIES OF CADIZ.

These are four words, all composed of the same seven letters, missing from the above. Can you fill in the words, in place of the black dots?

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$1540 n.
Chartered Bank, \$12½ n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$19½ n.
East Asia, \$120 s.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., 1,460 n.
Union Ins., \$430 s.
China Underwriters, \$4.90 b.
China Fires, \$850 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,460 n.

Shipping.
Douglas, \$20½ b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$24 n.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$25 n.
Union Waterboats, \$28 n.

Mining.
Bonguet, \$10½ n.
Kailans, 30/- n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.40 b.
Raubs, \$43 s.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$151 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 s.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old) \$5.16 b.

Yesterday's Solution.

MAD MEN MIMIC AND MOCK.
By inserting the letter "M" five times, as shown above, a sensible sentence can be formed.

Hongkong, Tls. 225 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.
Two cottons Tls. 16 b.
Shai Cotton Tls. 85 n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 12 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. & S. Hotel (old) \$15.37½ n.
H.K. S. Hotels (new) \$14.70 b.
H.K. Lands, \$80 b.
Shai Land, Tls. 32½ n.
Humphreys' \$18 n.
Realities, \$12.05 b.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$21.10 b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$14.75 b.
Star Ferries, \$30.50 b.
China Light, \$27.80 b.
H. K. Electric, \$78 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.

Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 17.90 n.
Singapore Tractors, 4/- n.

Industrials.
China Sugars 50 cts. n.
Malabons \$39 n.
Canton Ice, \$5¾ b.
Cement (com.) \$19.10 b.
Ropes, \$10½ n.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$29 n.
Watson, \$16.70 n.
De A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$6.50 b.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sincoras, \$15½ b.
Powells, \$3.60 n.

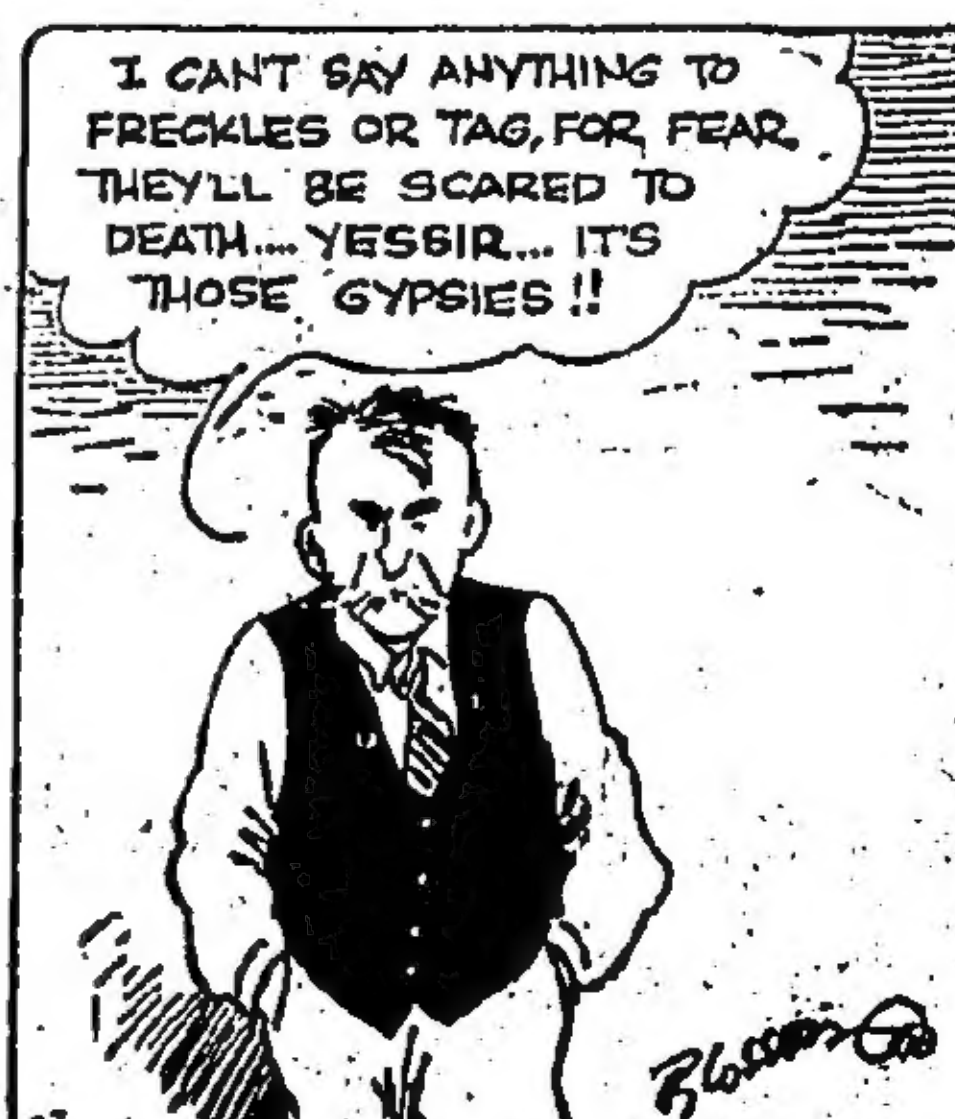
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$19¾ n.
Constructions, (old) \$5.80 ss.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

UNCLE JOHN RETURNS FROM HIS SEARCH FOR OSCAR, WITHOUT FINDING EVEN A TINY TRACE OF HIM....



Gypsies?



By Blosser



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color scheme

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BIRTH.

FERGUSON.—At 3 Stafford Road,
Kowloon Tong, on 9th December,
1931, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C.
Ferguson, a son.

**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1931.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

Due to unanimous Unofficial op-
position, the Straits Settlements
Defence Contribution Bill, which
proposes to fix the Colony's annual
appropriation to Imperial and local
defence at a round five million
dollars, is being referred to the
Secretary of State by Sir Cecil
Clementi. It has long been felt in
the Straits Settlements, as it is in
Hongkong, that the present method
of calculating the Military Contri-
bution is far from satisfactory. In
a recent official memorandum on
the subject, emphasis was laid on
the inconvenience of estimating the
Contribution, as it is impossible to
determine the Colony's liability
from year to year with any reason-
able degree of certainty. As is
known, the contribution is at pre-
sent based on twenty per cent. of
the Colony's revenue, so that in
drawing up the annual Budget it
becomes necessary to make pro-
vision for far more income than is
really needed. This is the main
drawback of the system, especially
when, as in the case of Hongkong
since the slump in silver values,
extra taxation is needed in order
to balance the Budget.

In the case of the Straits Settle-
ments, for a considerable number of
years now the cost of the Garrison
has been much below twenty per
cent. of the revenue. This, accord-
ing to the official viewpoint, has
tended to obscure the difficulties in-
herent in the present method of
calculation, but it is felt that with
a steady increase in the cost of the
Garrison and a declining revenue,
the time may not be far distant
when such difficulties will again be-
come prominent. The matter of
determining the Colony's liability

from year to year is regarded as a
minor point when compared with the
difficulties which arise over the
question of what items of revenue
are properly assessable or not for
the purposes of the Defence Contri-
bution. The records of the
Straits Settlements contain many
instances over a period of the last
thirty years, and the latest memor-
andum drawn up on the subject
provides numerous illustrations in
order to show the desirability of
arriving at some fixed basis, so that
past difficulties may be eliminated.
This, indeed, seems to be the main
motive of the Government in seek-
ing to fix the Contribution at a
yearly sum of five million dollars—
to get rid once and for all of this
constant source of disputes and dis-
cussions, which, says the official
statement, apart from the trouble
they give, place the Colony in the
unenviable position of appearing to
attempt to evade its legal obliga-
tions.

Not all items of revenue, of
course, are assessable for Military
Contribution, certain exceptions al-
ways being allowed. Here in Hong-
kong, for example, no call is made
on the opium monopoly, the rail-
way revenue, the widows' and or-
phans' pensions contributions or
the interest on public works loans.
There are, we believe, other items
in regard to which no decision has
yet been reached. It will be re-
called, also, that an effort was made,
without success, to secure exemp-
tion for the recent additional taxa-
tion necessitated by the increase in
civil servants' salaries, whilst on
more than one occasion it has been
suggested that there should be a
reduction in the percentage. On
this latter point, it is well to re-
member that the sterling value of
the Contribution has markedly de-
clined since the fall in the dollar, a
circumstance which of itself
operates against any probability of
relief being secured. None the less,
the present method of calculation
is far from satisfactory, from
whatever standpoint it is viewed.
Hongkong, in common with all
other Colonies, is willing and
anxious to pay its proper share for
the protection which H. M. Forces
assure, but some better plan should
be devised for computing that
share. The present system is fair
neither to the Colony nor to the Im-
perial Government.

The Betting Tax.

Little fault will be found with the
principal features of the Betting
Tax Ordinance shortly to be intro-
duced in Legislative Council and
designed to be operative as from
January 1. In the first place, no
objection will be taken to a betting
tax as a source of revenue. Those
who can afford to gamble should be
able to afford any extra burden in-
volved. Furthermore, the Bill has
been so drafted as to remove many
of the uncertainties regarding the
position of non-racing clubs in the
Colony desirous of organising
sweepstakes. The L.G.P.'s objec-
tion to books of tickets has not been
sustained. Henceforth all local
sweepstakes must be operated by
means of such books. As regards
the method of collection this seems
simple enough on the surface,
though the briefest consideration is
sufficient to suggest that interest-
ing complications can arise. If,
for instance, the Jockey Club de-
cides to pass the whole of the pari-
mutuel tax on to the punter, the
clerks in charge would, we feel sure,
find themselves quite unable to cope
with the last minute rush for
tickets because of the demand for
small change. There would be chaos
at the "box-offices" at the time
when most bets are laid. If, on
the other hand, the Jockey Club is
prepared to contribute a very small
percentage of the tax in order to
preserve the price of the tickets at
\$5, they will find themselves dealing
in half cents because of the condi-
tion that the maximum subtrac-
tion, after the Government has
taken its share, shall be ten per
cent. It would also be interesting
to have the Government's estimate
of the revenue expected from
sweepstakes organised by clubs out-
side the Colony. At first sight, it
seems that this particular form of
the proposed tax is so easy to evade
that the expense of trying to collect
would not be warranted by returns.

IF YOU LIVED IN RUSSIA THE TOPSY-TURVY LAND OF THE SOVIETS AS SEEN BY JULIA BLANSHARD

DAY BY DAY

THE MAN WHO NEVER ORIGINATES
—TAKES HIS OBSERVATIONS, AND
WHEN HE FINISHES THE WIND IN A
CERTAIN QUARTER TRIMS TO SUIT IT;
SUCH A PERSON MAY BE A POWERFUL
MINISTER, BUT HE IS NO MORE A
GREAT STATESMAN THAN THE MAN
WHO GETS UP BEHIND A CARRIAGE
IS A GREAT WHIP.—*Disraeli.*

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived
at Vancouver on the 8th inst.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan left
Vancouver on the 5th inst. and is due
here on the 25th December.

Much sympathy will be extended to
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. S. Hodge in the
loss of their infant daughter, who
passed away yesterday afternoon
after being ill for three days from
meningitis. The funeral takes place
at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

Recent appointments and promo-
tions made by the Colonial Office in-
clude Miss B. M. Bicheno as Assistant
Mistress (Kindergarten), and Miss H.
M. Knill as Assistant Mistress
(physical training), Education De-
partment, Hongkong.

Dr. E. C. Humphreys, son of Mr.
Henry Humphreys, has just recently
arrived in Hongkong and intends to
practice dental surgery early in the
new year. Dr. Humphreys was born
in Hongkong, but has been away in
England for a number of years.

An enjoyable dance was held at
Lane Crawford's Restaurant last
night by the ship's company of
H.M.S. Kent. During the dance there
was a running buffet supper. Dan-
cing was carried on till a late hour,
to the strains of excellent music sup-
plied by the Invicta Dance Orchestra.

An advertisement in this issue an-
nounces the opening of the new
"Brunswick Gramophone" head-
quarters in Hongkong. The show-
room is situated in the Arcade,
Gloucester Building and the latest
machines and records of this well-
known concern may be heard there.
The agency is controlled by the China
Phonograph and Radio Ltd.

The return showing the cases of
infectious diseases notified during the
week ended the 5th inst., shows 10
cases of diphtheria with one death
therefrom and three cases of enteric
fever with one death therefrom.
There were also 51 deaths from pul-
monary tuberculosis. Five cases of
diphtheria and one of enteric fever
were reported on the 7th inst.

Banished from the Colony after
having been arrested on two previous
occasions for begging, a blind
mendicant who appeared before Mr.
Williams at the Central Police Court
this morning was sentenced to two
months' hard labour and also fined \$10
or two weeks' for begging, the sen-
tences to run concurrently. The
defendant, who was arrested in Ice
House Street together with another
blind boy, was banished from Hong-
kong in August last for a period of
ten years after having been convicted
twice for begging. His Worship re-
marked that the defendant would only
be a nuisance in the gaol if he were
sentenced for a long period. After
his term expires he will be auto-
matically banished.



Above, a Soviet saleswoman in a grocery store. Below, looking over some new goods in a department store which the clerk (the man in the cap) is showing.

Shopping in Moscow has the
same sporting element of chance
as big game hunting.

If you lived there you could
never tell what you were going to
buy. What the stores have stock-
ed to-day may be gone to-morrow
and what you have looked for in
vain for six months may be in the
stores to-day.

If it is books or periodicals you
want, almost every other store
along Kuznetsky Most and Tvers-
kaya and other main streets is a
book shop. Every fifth or sixth
corner has a kiosk (stall) selling
reading matter. Every phase of
the Five-Year Plan is dramatized
and available in reading form.
Periodicals and books cost 10 and
25 kopecks each.

If it is lipstick, rouge or other
cosmetics, you can probably get
whatever you want. You may
have an aversion to the inferior
Russian brands, but the Soviet
trust puts out a full line, and
that's all there is.
If it is a pair of No. 1 skis
and sking shoes you crave, you
can get them for about 20 roubles
in a sport shop, for the Soviet state
considers sports essential to young
Russia's health, so sports equip-
ment is rated a necessity.

But, should you want a ther-
mometer, a hot water bottle, sheets,
a raincoat, a pair of scissors, a
cooking stove, a typewriter, a bed
or many other fundamental ar-
ticles, you are out of luck. The gov-
ernment factories producing them
are still supplying institutions.
You may borrow them or buy them
from an individual, but the chances
are you will just do without.

A young American newspaper-
man, broke from living in a hotel,



"I'll tell him I never want to see him again. That ought to bring him home in time to take me to Jane's party."

Each of Moscow's 10 districts
has its blocks of stores. These
district stores repeat the goods on
sale on the Tverskaya and Kuz-
netsky Most because practically
all goods now are produced by the
government outlets and uniformly
stocked. The same articles cost
the same standardized price in
every Moscow store.

In any shopping centre, you
will pass about the following kinds
of stores: book shops, sweet shops,
a sports good house, an antique
shop, an office supply store, a
liquor store (only bottled goods
sold here), a Chinese laundry
(half price for laundry if you
bring your own soap), an art
store, big department store, dry
cleaning establishment, tailor
shop, an optician's office, a radio
store, a shop to plot and hem-
stitch materials, a toy shop, a pho-
tographer's studio, a peasant-
ware shop, an undertaker's win-
dow displaying a gruesome red
coffin.

There are two kinds of depart-
ment stores, one rather expensive
and the other inexpensive where
workers buy clothes and other
necessities on coupons on their
food cards, physical labourers
rating more than intellectual
workers.

There is one huge, handsome
department store where no one
can trade but workers of the G. P.
U. (the Soviet secret service). In
addition there is a well stocked
antique and general store called
Torgsin, where only foreign money
is accepted, hence only foreigners
trade. The big hotels run branches
of Torgsin in their lobbies.

Newest are the Udarall shops.
These are fancy goods stores
where only those can trade who
are members of the Shock Bri-
gades, as workers are called who
volunteer to speed up the work
in their factories, mills, farms.

The windows of a new Thakic
store in Moscow displayed its first
"ensemble" some of the people had
over seen, a woman's sweater, a
long, fringed scarf, a pair of
cheap rayon in flamboyant purple,
pink, vermillion, orange and sea
stripes, at 75 roubles the
set. There were rayon stockings.
(Continued on Page 7.)

THE ART CLUB'S EXHIBITION.

HIGH STANDARD OF MERIT.

AMATEUR WORK.

Many new names figure among the exhibitors in this year's Hongkong Art Club Exhibition, which opened today at Lane, Crawford's. The fresh blood includes one or two artists who are out of the amateur stage, although it is pleasing to note the standard of the hardy perennial artists if, anything, slightly above the usual.

Among the newcomers, a group of etchings by Mrs. Southby catches the eye. Her glimpses of London and North China are delightful, and her etchings on the whole are greatly above the usual standard of exhibitions of this kind. She has also included a couple of water colours and aquatints.

Commandant Caudé is again well represented with his singular land and seascapes in and about Paris, a traversed cathedral window being among his best. Mrs. M. O. Pictor's display, done in her usual joyous style, is perhaps a record of her recent trip into the interior. Another newcomer is Mme. Marly, with a trio of French futurist oils. Two young local artists, Messrs. G. W. Arnold and Reginald Woolley, have sent in a comprehensive collection indicative of their versatility, including water colours, charcoal and pen-and-ink sketches. The usual run of carefully-done familiar land and seascapes around the island and New Territories, showing work of local amateurs, is well to the fore.

As usual the field of camera studies has been entered by Mr. A. Abas with some artistic work, while Dr. Newton has some well-chosen subjects. He has also sent in a few statuettes. An innovation is the children's section, which contains some amusing efforts.

The exhibition will remain open to-morrow and Friday.

The full list of exhibitors is: Mr. A. Abas, Mrs. J. Annett, Mr. G. W. Arnold, Mrs. Balcan, Mr. G. W. Brown, Capt. D. R. M. Cameron, Mrs. H. Curdtho, Commandant Caudé, Mrs. Dandy, Mrs. S. Gubbay, Miss Harry, Mr. F. Hong, Mr. J. H. Hunt, Capt. Kilmer, Mrs. Marly, Dr. Newton, Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Pictor, Miss H. Rhodes, Mrs. Hampden Ross, Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Dean Swann, Mrs. Southby, Mrs. Rowes-Smith, Mr. W. Wang, Mr. R. Woolley, Mr. Lee Yook Tong, A.O.C.A., Mrs. Lander Lewis, Mrs. Tartz.

ATLANTIC FLEET MOVEMENTS.

VISIT TO THE WEST INDIES.

London, Dec. 8. It has been decided that a portion of the Atlantic fleet, comprising the battle-cruisers Hood and Repulse, and the Second Cruiser Squadron, H.M.S. Dorsetshire, H.M.S. Norfolk, H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. York, shall visit British West Indian ports during the coming spring.

The ships will be detached from the flag of the Commander-in-Chief off the north coast of Spain on the 18th or 19th of January after exercises have been carried out.

The Commander-in-Chief, in H.M.S. Nelson, and the remainder of the Atlantic Fleet will use Gibraltar as their main base until the return of the ships to their home ports in March.—*British Wireless.*

COAL MINING HOURS.

GENEVA MEETING IN JANUARY.

London, Dec. 8. In the House of Commons at question-time, the mines Minister, Mr. Isaac Foot, announced that the International Labour Office, at the request of the British Government, was inviting Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Poland to attend a meeting at Geneva in January to discuss informally the ratification of the International Convention on hours of work in coal mines.—*British Wireless.*

OBITUARY.

MRS. O'BRIEN TWIGG.

Shanghai, Dec. 9. Mrs. O'Brien Twigg died in the Country Hospital yesterday morning at the age of 69 years. The funeral took place in the afternoon.

She was the wife of the well-known Shanghai chemist, who has spent 33 years in China.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

LADY PEEL AND "HELEN."



Lady Peel photographed in conversation with Mrs. Helen Willis at the K.C.C. yesterday afternoon. Mr. R. E. Lindell, President of the club, and Mr. M. K. Lo are also shown in the picture.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION LOCALLY.

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ing in Hongkong, either in accordance with the "sandwich" system or by a scheme of post-graduate apprenticeship, for those mechanical and electrical engineering graduates for whom facilities for being sent to apprenticeships in British works can not be made available.

Other Points.

That the Salesian Institute should be encouraged and assisted financially to extend its facilities for the training of artisans for the building trade and other craftsmen.

That the Education Department of the Colony should consider the feasibility of making manual instruction and other forms of hand and eye training more effective in the general schools of the Colony of all grades.

Evening Classes.

The Committee is unanimous in urging the necessity for the establishment and maintenance by Government of a Junior Technical School. This school should feed the apprentice system of the Colony with adequately educated and promising youths. But the matter can not be left at that. The next stage is the stage of evening or off-shift classes. How are these classes to be organized, controlled and maintained? Our answer is that Government should establish and maintain an institution which should have a dual function, that is to say that it should combine a Junior Technical School with an organization for the further and technical education of workers.

One-Sided System.

The Committee is also convinced that it is necessary to appoint a well qualified and experienced principal of this technical school. We want new machinery, and the first essential piece of machinery, we think, the Technical School. This involves some one to direct it. The present school system of Hongkong is one-sided. The Director of Education has no one to advise him with reference to the special needs of the industries and their workers. There is no one to whom the industries and their workers can turn for help in this vital matter.

The Technical Institute has no building and no permanent staff; it is directed by one of the two Inspectors of English schools and its activities, which could not in our opinion possibly be extended to cover the whole field of apprentices and other industrial workers, are limited by the varying grants which are voted for it in the annual education estimates.

Advisory Committee.

For the Constitution of the Advisory Committee we suggest (1) the Director of Education as Chairman; (2) a representative of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co.; (3) a representative of the Talkoo Dockyard & Engineering Co.; (4) a representative architect; (5) a representative of the Chinese contractors; and (6) a representative of the Engineers' (Chinese) Institute, as members, with the Principal of the Technical School as Secretary and Member. All the members would be appointed by Government for a term of three years, a member being eligible for reappointment.

Aim of the School.

Recapitulating the proposals, the Committee says: Our idea is then that there should be established and maintained by Government, for five years in the first instance a Technical School which should

BURGLAR SENT TO GOAL.

ONE-ARMED MAN'S CHASE.

Going into his children's room at 2.30 a.m. yesterday, a man living on the second floor of No. 18 Ngachingwai Road found a stranger inside. He was hand-cuffed by the fact that he had only one arm, but he nevertheless gave chase and caught the intruder, though he was unable to hang on to him. A detective who was outside the house at the time heard the commotion and eventually arrested the man.

Giving his name as Li Kwong, the intruder was charged before Mr. Funder at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with house-breaking, but after hearing the facts, his Worship said the defendant should have been charged with burglary. Inspector Smith, who prosecuted, accordingly amended the charge.

It was stated that in order to get into the house, defendant loosened two iron bars and squeezed through. On him were found a piece of cloth, two keys hidden in his socks, and three implements for picking locks.

With a previous conviction against him, defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

KOWLOON MOTOR MISHAPS.

TWO WOMEN RECEIVE INJURIES.

Two motor accidents occurred in Kowloon yesterday and, in each case the persons injured are in a serious condition.

Tsang Fuk-kin, a licensed motor driver, has reported to the police that whilst driving motor lorry 2680 along Nathan Road near Pitt Street a woman named Tsui Yuk-shin, aged 37, of 310 Portland Street ran across the road and was knocked down, receiving injuries to her right leg.

In trying to avoid a woman pedestrian in Prince Edward Road yesterday afternoon, the driver of motor lorry 3783 swerved suddenly, causing the vehicle to skid and overturn. The woman was struck and taken to hospital in a somewhat serious condition.

have two departments—a Junior Technical School and a Department for the Further and Technical Education of Workers. The function of the Junior Technical School will be to educate boys from 12 to 16 to 18 who are going to be apprenticed to some constructive trade. We suggest that the curriculum of the Junior Technical School should cover 4 years and that the number of pupils in each year should be limited to start with to 30. The total capacity of the school would therefore at first be 120.

The Instruction.

The instruction given in the school would have to be, to begin with at any rate, more general and less technical than the curriculum of a Junior Technical School in England. This is partly because the pupils who come to it will be far less educated than the English pupils and also because the Junior Technical School while it will have to continue to teach its pupils Chinese will also have to initiate them into English. The Committee making the above recommendations comprised Sir William Hornell, Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, Messrs. A. S. MacKichan, R. M. Dyer, S. W. Tso, G. P. de Martin, T. H. Shaw, T. N. Chau, E. R. Price (Secretary).

SALE OF YOUNG DAUGHTER.

MOTHER IN TEARS IN COURT.

When two women were charged before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning, one with transferring her five-year-old daughter to be employed as a multi-tal and the other with keeping her, Inspector Fraser, Inspector of Multi-tal, stated that it was one of those casual transactions which the Department had been endeavouring strenuously to check.

The girl in the case was presented by her Hok Lo mother to a Fokien woman, a spinster who was being looked after by her brother, who is in an influential position at Manila. A sum of \$110 was paid to the mother as "finder's fee" and "ginger" money. That the transaction was a most casual one was shown by the fact that it was put through by a go-between whose name neither of the parties appeared to know.

There was a most painful scene in the Court when both women burst into tears, the mother, who had another child in her arms, protesting that she was forced by poverty to sell her older daughter. She now wanted the child back.

His Worship, who was informed that the S.C.A. were not pressing for a heavy penalty beyond desiring to check these casual transactions, fined the mistress \$25. The child's mother was discharged with a caution.

The official opening of the Rotary Club playground at Wanchai, which was to have been performed by the President, Sir William Hornell, this afternoon, has been postponed, owing to the ground being under water. An announcement of a later date will be made in due course.

IF YOU LIVED IN RUSSIA.

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In suborned shade, at 18 roubles lace curtains, shawls, and rayon bloomers also were displayed.

In the first store I entered I ran into a queue at the shoe counter. Fathers and mothers were shopping for their children. Sex equality is obvious in the way Russian fathers or mothers shop, depending on which parent has his day of rest when the occasion arises.

The man clerk behind the counter, in a faded grey chambray Russian blouse, handed each customer either a left or a right shoe. Never both—the customer might put them on and walk out! Everything is serve self, parents trying on their children's shoes.

An old man was leaning on the counter poring over a newspaper package of ragged food tickets. You could buy children's stockings that day but you needed the unstamped clothing coupon from a food ticket dated May 20, 21 or June 2 or 30. There had been no stockings since that date in this store and only those who did not get them then could have them now.

The children's shoes looked sturdy, high-laced black ones with heavy soles. "They are not so good and they cost from five to 10 roubles," a mother complained to me.

There are no deliveries. No matter if you should buy a grand piano you would have to arrange for transporting it. (I once got on a street car behind a man with an unwrapped small white coffin under his arm.)

In this same department store I saw counters stocked with coarse white muslin underwear, slensy printed silk machine-made dresses fashioned in the long-waisted mode of several years ago, children's dresses in unattractive prints, sturdy stockings for children, and one whole department of hats for women, old-fashioned felt cloches in bad colours, a carnation pink, drab blue, dirty grey, all trimmed with a wisp of cheap grosgrain ribbon and each hat 6 roubles.

In the china and glass department, 4 roubles and alongside of them at a slightly less price, decorative statuettes of ladies with pompadours, nymphs, elephants, all mixed up with the busts of Lenin and Stalin.

In Torgsin, the foreign-money store, I saw antique ikons that any collector would value, jewels left from czarist days, fine china, old rugs that are priceless, new government produced calico, woolen suits, fine fur coats, fur boots, jackets, table linen, cutlery, all kinds of food, fine wines, fine cigarettes, inlaid and painted boxes, samovars, almost anything tourists would like.

The shaved-headed Tovarish (conrade) in charge of the store estimated that during the summer tourist season the government sold

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5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme. 6.00-6.30 p.m. Chinese Children's Concert.

7.00-11.00 p.m. European programme of Columbia records. 7.00 p.m. Ballad selections. 7.03-7.22 p.m. Band Selections. Second to Nono (Ord Hume). El Alcanico (Javeloyes).

Triana (Lopez). The Voice of the Guns (Alford). Valse Croire (Tschalkowsky). Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 4069, 3844 and 9382. 8.00 p.m. (Local time and weather report).

7.22-8.03 p.m. Variety. Song-You Didn't Have to Tell Me. Song-Let Love Take Care of You. Blanche Hale (Soprano). DB608. Vocal Duet-Without That Gail. Vocal Duet-I Wanna Sing About You. Layton and Johnstone. DB611. Band-Waltzes-Film Songs Medley. Billy Cotton and His Band. DB382. Humorous Song-Parika in the Moonlight.

Humorous Song-Sitting at a Table Laid for Two. Florence Oldham. DB623. Humorous Sketch-The Royal and Ancient Game. Clapham and Dwyer. DB670. Organ Solo-Thrill Me. Malden (Lohar). DB612. Organ Solo-Whistling in the Dark. Reginald Foot. DB612. 8.05-8.45 p.m. Selections from Opera.

Organ Solo-Fredrick-O Malden, My Malden (Lohar). Organ Solo-Fredrick-Wayside Rose (Lohar). Quentin M. Maclean. DB277. Piano Solo-Josephkavalleriasong on Love Themes (Strauss arr. Grainger).

Percy Grainger. DB28. Orchestral-Madame Butterfly Selection (Puccini arr. Godfrey). New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9306. Organ Solo-Tales of Hoffman-Barcarolle (Offenbach). Organ Solo-Cavalleria Rusticana-Intermezzo (Mascagni).

Terence Casey. DB130. Piano Solo-Rigoletto-Paraphrase (Verdi arr. Liszt). Irene Scharrer. DB676. 8.45-9.00 p.m. Hawaiian Music.

Honolulu. Kawaiulu. Hawaiian Silver String Quartet. 5431. Guitar Solo-Dreamy Nights in Honolulu. Frank Ferrera. 3744. Isle of Oahu.

Frank Ferrera (Steel Guitar Novelties). 3745. 9.00-11.00 p.m. Dance Music. Fox Trot-Help Yourself to Happiness.

Fox Trot-Not That I Care. 2542-D. Fox Trot-My Cradle Sweetheart. Fox Trot-With the Help of the Moon. 2455-D.

Fox Trot-It Looks Like Love. Fox Trot-A Lonely Gondolier. 2453-D.

Fox Trot-When It's Sleepy. Waltz-You're My Only Sweetheart. 2541-D.

Fox Trot-Dream a Little Dream of Me. Fox Trot-Everything That's Nice Belongs to You. 2450-D.

Fox Trot-Under the Spell of Your Kiss. Fox Trot-Personally, I Love You. 2380-D.

Fox Trot-Were You Sincere? Fox Trot-I'm Happy When You're Happy. 2405-D.

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Fox Trot-Bugle Call Rag. Fox Trot-Do-Blue. 2543-D.

Fox Trot-Confession. Fox Trot-Good Evenin'. 2253-D.

Fox Trot-What's the Use? Fox Trot-I Wonder How It Feels. 2264-D.

Waltz-When the Organ Played at Twilight. West. 2270-D.

11.00 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news. 11.03 p.m. (approx.). Close down. All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

GS25,000 worth daily at Torgsin. Each day I was in Russia the stores showed an increased supply of goods. Up a side street a small fur store hung out a sign one day:

"By accident we got a big supply of good fur coats." Now many blue coats for women, raglan cut, were available late in September. This is the first year they could be bought ready made. Russians enthusiastically call this progress—culture. They look proudly at each new addition of goods of any kind as a step towards the day when they can buy clothes when they need them, a bed when an old one falls apart, plenty of blankets for cold winter nights and all the shoes the children need.

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EXHIBITION OF TENNIS.

A "WILLS-MOODY" TROPHY.

Fulfilling all the promise she gave in her practice, Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, premier lady tennis player of the universe, yesterday delighted a gathering of over 1,000 tennis enthusiasts at the Kowloon Cricket Club, when she took part in exhibition matches under the auspices of the Hongkong L.T.A.

The big crowd watched with undivided attention and keenest interest, the lady's exposition of her white repertoire of strokes, produced with that ease and accomplishment which has gained for her the biggest honours obtainable in the game, and the warm reception given Mrs. Moody both before and after the matches were illustrations of the impression she had made upon the spectators, a big proportion of whom were members of the gentler sex.

In a one-set singles with E.C. Fincher, under conditions which were extremely trying and difficult, Mrs. Moody lost after a prolonged struggle by 11-9. Both players overcame the underfoot disadvantages with admirable skill to serve up a very fine exhibition. Fincher's steadiness was a determining factor in the result.

The doubles match in which Mrs. Moody, partnered by H.D. Rumbold, met S. A. Rumbold and M. W. Lo, was a particularly care-free encounter, with Mrs. Moody catching the eye by means of some exhilarating driving and not work. She and Rumbold won both sets, the first at 6-2, and the second at 7-5. It gave "Helen" ample opportunity of demonstrating her effectiveness at close quarters, and a large number of smashes and volley placements were greeted with rounds of enthusiastic applause.

H.E. the Governor, together with Lady Peel and H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, were present, and at the conclusion of the matches, Lady Peel on behalf of the L.T.A., presented Mrs. Moody with a memento of her visit to Hongkong. It took the form of a silver and blackwood tea tray, silver tea service, and framed views of Hongkong.

Mr. R.E. Lindell, President of the L.T.A., in expressing thanks to Mrs. Moody for her delightful exhibition, said that she had lightened their darkness, and he was sure that all of them present who had seen Suzanne Lenglen in her prime felt that Mrs. Moody was even greater than she.

Before Mrs. Moody left Hongkong, accompanied by her husband, last evening, she expressed her willingness to have a trophy inscribed in her name to be put up for competition in Hongkong. It will probably take the form of a cup, to be known as the Helen Wills-Moody Cup, and will, it is anticipated, be offered for the Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony.

Professor J. S. English, who has come to Hongkong to examine at the University, will return to Singapore on December 18.

FOOTBALL COUNCIL MEETING.

PROPOSED REPLY TO
CHINESE CLUB.

The monthly Council meeting of the Hongkong Football Association was held at the Association offices yesterday afternoon, there being present Mr. J. Ormiston (Chairman), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Mr. T. G. May, Cdr. Morris, R.N., Mr. T. G. Stokes, Mr. A. Goldenberg, Mr. J. W. Baldwin, Captain Hayward, Mr. H. K. Lee, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun and Mr. W. E. Hollands (Hon. Secretary).

Letters apologizing for non-attendance owing to other engagements were received from the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. F. C. Cleme and Mr. H. M. McTavish.

Captain Hayward, who has succeeded Captain Deacon on the Council as Army representative, was heartily welcomed by the chairman, who said that he hoped Captain Hayward would find his duties pleasant on the Council.

The meeting, after settling routine matters, proceeded to discuss the proposed draft reply to the Chinese Clubs in connection with their withdrawal from the Association. The chairman said that copies of this draft reply had been in the hands of members for some days, and he invited their views and suggestions.

The meeting considered points raised by members, and various amendments were approved.

SATURDAY'S RACE MEETING.

HANDICAPS FOR TWO EVENTS.

December Handicap.—Blue Boy (140), Ataman (145), Sancton (145), Edenbridge (140), King's Colour (160), King's Service (165), Bright Star (155), Wise Stag (140), African Eva (140), Young Pretender (140), Spey (160), The Pheasant (140), The Gomeril (140), Crown Prince (140), Marquis Hall (140).

Barrier Reef Handicap.—Floretta (130), Moon Star (155), Rosedrop (140), St. Moritz (165), Thunderclap (140).

HIGH SCORING.

N.S.W. COMPILES 500 AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

Sydney, Dec. 8. New South Wales compiled 500 against South Africa, Hird contributing 101.

McMillan took 6 wickets for 189 runs.

The South Africans compiled 185 for one wicket, Curran scoring 81 and Morrell 70, both being not out when stumps were drawn for the day.—*Reuter.*

[In the first day's play, Bradman scored 219.]

MAMAK HOCKEY.

LEAGUE TABLE BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

The latest positions of the various competing teams in the Mamak Hockey tournament is as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Radio Sports	4	3	0	0	6	1	7
Signals	4	2	0	2	7	4	4
St. Andrew's	3	2	0	1	2	4	4
Incognito	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
C. B. A.	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
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China Lights, \$27.50.
Star Ferries, \$95%/\$90.

Lane, Crawford, \$3.50.
Buyers.
China Underwriters, \$4.00.
Shanghai Explorations, Tls. 2.40.
Providents (old), \$5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
H.K. Lands, \$80.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.10.
China Lights, \$27.50.
Canton Ice, \$5.
Lane, Crawford, \$3.50.
Amusements, \$19%.
Douglases, \$20%.
Wharves, \$151.

Hotels (new), \$14.70.
Realities, \$12.05.
Ewos, Tls. 10.
Peak Trams (old), \$14%.
H.K. Electricity, \$78.
Siamona, \$19.10.
Shewen, \$15%.
Entertainments (old), \$17%.
Entertainments (new), \$16.
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SPITTING EVIL.

(Continued from Page 2.)

I do not wish it to be thought for one moment that I have changed my view on the vital importance of the housing question in relation to the problem of tuberculosis. There are many old houses in the heart of the town—dark, damp, airless, rarely penetrated by the sterilising rays of the sun. These houses constitute a severe handicap to the efforts of the Medical Officer of Health. I am firmly convinced that no plan of attack against tuberculosis can be really satisfactory until by some means or other the bad old houses disappear.

At the same time demolition of old houses does not provide the complete solution. They are the predisposing cause; the direct cause must also receive attention. And, as I hope to satisfy you—by quotation from a distinguished Medical Officer—by far the most important direct cause is simply the habit of spitting.

The quotation is taken from a Report on Tuberculosis made also in 1921—by Dr. H. H. Scott. Dr. Scott was at the time Government Bacteriologist here and accordingly had ample opportunity of obtaining his facts at first hand. He is, I believe, to-day a member of the staff of the London School of Tropical Medicine.

Overcrowding.

"The foregoing (the design of Chinese tenement houses and overcrowding) constitute the main predisposing causes, but the direct cause of the prevalence of tuberculosis in Hongkong is, facile princeps, the expectation habit. The prevalence of tuberculosis is closely connected with social and economic conditions—overcrowding and slums, poverty, insanitation and squalor.

With regard to overcrowding, little, if anything can be done; the space available is limited, and the population is relatively large and is increasing. The question reduces itself, for practical purposes, to the finding of a remedy for the spitting habit in the first place.

I am convinced that it is the expectation on the floors of the rooms in which the people live that is the chief source of the bacilli. It is evident then that in discouraging spitting by all means at our disposal we shall be taking all essential steps, and it seems to me that the persistence of bad old houses only make it more urgent to check a bad old habit.

Making a Start.

I may be asked why we single out eating houses for special attention. The answer is two-fold. (1) In the first place, we must start somewhere.

(2) Apart from the obvious reasons which will occur to everyone the eating house appears to be particularly appropriate. For there are a considerable number distributed throughout the town. There are some 800 tenement floors licensed as eating houses—where people of the middle class congregate in the aggregate in considerable numbers to take their meals.

It is hoped that the eating houses will provide a channel by which this vital advice will percolate to what Dr. Scott describes as the "chief source of the bacilli—the floors of the rooms in which the people live."

The motion was seconded by Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau and passed unanimously.

WORK AMONG THE LEPERS.

REV. JOHN LAKE'S APPEAL.

A most interesting description of the growth and present work of Tai Kam leper island, which lies about 90 miles south of Canton, was given by the Rev. John Lake at Kowloon Union Church last night, at a meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. A. W. Ingram, organised by the Young People's Society.

Mr. Lake, in a chatty manner and with a good sprinkling of humour, told of the great work being done for Chinese lepers on the island. He spoke of his early efforts on behalf of the sufferers, and of how he persuaded Mr. Wu Ting-fang, a Minister of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Government, to purchase Tai Kam Island for \$5,000 from a fishing company, for it to be turned into a leper home.

That was over ten years ago, and soon after the purchase had been effected buildings were erected, medical facilities secured, and the lepers were living a happy and contented life in plate-infested waters.

Mr. Lake deplored the fact that by the time lepers reached the island their condition was usually too serious to enable them to recover, but everything that could be done for them was done.

He is now endeavouring to raise one million dollars gold for the purpose of improving and extending the work and the accommodation on the island. The Chinese Government have promised to contribute half a million Mexican dollars.

He told a host of good stories concerning lepers with whom he continually comes into contact.

The Good Work.

The following extract from an article written by the Rev. and Mrs. U. S. Mitchell, and some Chinese observers, is of interest:

This entire project is a by-product of the South China Mission under the able leadership of Rev. John Lake. All responsibility is in the hands of a Chinese committee. The work is supported entirely by free will gifts. Not a cent is being received from any foundation or mission board. As a safeguard for perpetuity the work should be endowed for at least \$1,000,000.

The lepers are free from their old associations, they have peace and happiness and care instead of being run out of villages, starved or even killed.

There is still a large work to be done as thousands are clamouring for the opportunity to go to the island hospital; and branch hospitals are needed in some of the coast and interior villages.

ZONE IDEA DROPPED.

COMMANDERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

Paris, Dec. 8.
The negotiations are approaching their close, and a public sitting is expected to-morrow or Thursday.

M. Briand's letter to Mr. Yoshizawa cannot be published, however, being a reply to a confidential document.

It is understood that M. Briand's letter expresses the hope that the Japanese will not advance beyond the present lines, and that both

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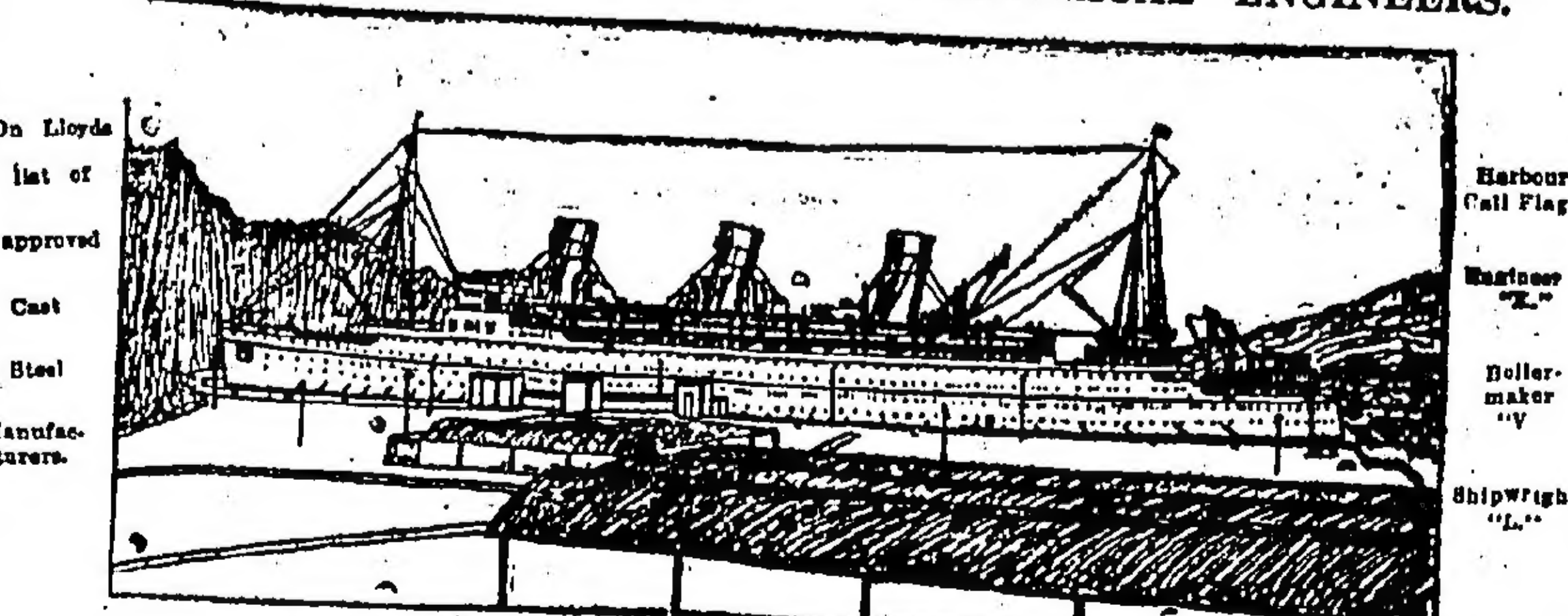


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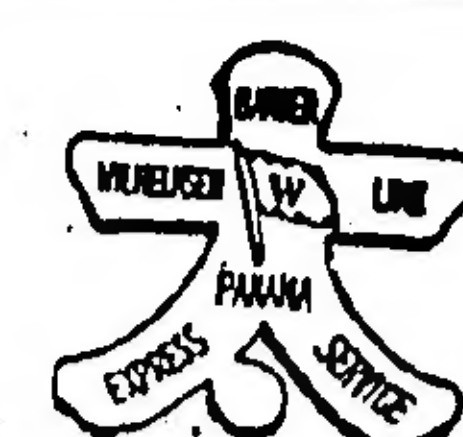
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Abnormally High
1931 Figures.

INTERVIEW WITH THE M. O. H.

Although an abnormal number of diphtheria cases have been reported to the Medical Department this year, there is no cause for panic, or even alarm, said Dr. C. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, speaking to a *Telegraph* representative on the question this morning.

The statistics for the last fourteen years prove beyond doubt that diphtheria in Hongkong is a seasonal complaint, and is more prevalent during the first two and last months of the year, than at any other period.

Figures since 1917 show that whereas from March to November the average number of diphtheria cases notified weekly is about six, from November to February, inclusive, the figure doubles itself, and the numbers total from anything between 10 and 19.

Up to 1928 the average for the year was very nearly 90, but this year already 138 cases have been placed on record.

The main cause for this, according to the M.O.H., is not due to faulty sanitation, so much as to dust infection. The exceptionally dry weather, which has prevailed during the last two months has brought with it additional diphtheria bacteria.

Immunization System.

Contact as a result of this is very difficult to combat, and it was suggested by Dr. Pope that the only real way to defy the scourge under such conditions was by the introduction of the Immunization System, which is now being practised to some extent in England and other countries. It was too complicated a method to explain in detail, our representative was informed, but the process was not dissimilar to that of vaccination.

That it would undoubtedly be introduced in Hongkong sometime in the future, the Medical Officer was confident. It had already been adopted among schoolchildren in England with excellent results.

Not Really Unusual.

Dr. Pope added in explanation that although the figures for 1931 were high, it had to be remembered that they covered both Hongkong and Kowloon, both of which had grown very largely, so that in proportion, the disease was not more prevalent now than before. In addition to this,

BIG GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE.

TO BE MET FROM NEW
LOAN FUNDS.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Colonial Secretary will move resolutions providing for the expenditure of the following items during the coming year, the sums to be met from future loans and to be met from the Government funds.

OPENING CEREMONY POSTPONED.

The New Playground
at Wanchai.

We are informed that the opening of the new Government playground at Wanchai, which has been equipped by the Rotary Club, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to the inclement weather.

The opening ceremony was to have been performed this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Sir William Hornell.

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BURMA'S FUTURE DISCUSSED.

CHARACTER OF SECOND
CHAMBER.

London, Dec. 8.

At the Burma Round Table Conference, the discussion was continued to-day in Committee on the character of the Second Chamber.

This evening the delegates attended the House of Lords to listen to the debate on India.

On Thursday morning, the delegates will be received by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace.—*British Wireless.*

people were definitely beginning to put their trust in hospital treatment, and as a result more discoveries of the complaint were being made, than when the hospitals were shunned by victims of the disease.

So far as he could tell, the Eastern districts were the chiefly afflicted parts of the Colony.

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PACK'S TRIUMPH.

London, Dec. 8.

W. Roberts, skipper of the Oxford rugby fifteen, was chiefly responsible for their splendid 10 points to 3 victory over Cambridge in the fifty-sixth inter-Varsity match.

Roberts played the game of his life. The Oxford three-quarters were weak in finishing and the forwards decided to take matters into their own hands. Roberts was particularly elusive and he and N. Lamport riddled the Cambridge ranks, notably in the second half.

Cambridge scored first through Smedley, their international three-quarter, who literally flung himself over the line to score a superb try.

Oxford equalised in the thirty-fifth minute when Minns went over for a try. They secured the lead two minutes before the interval, when Roberts dropped a goal.

Oxford thus led by seven points to three at half-time.

The second half produced a tense struggle for mastery. Cambridge found their forwards bent for the ball time after time and though some brilliant runs were made, they were brought to an end before danger really developed. When the Twickenham crowd was expecting the match to end without further score, the American member of the Oxford side, F. Howde, won a terrific race for a touch and scored a further try for Oxford. It was the last minute of the game. Henley failed to convert.—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE TEA PREFERENCE.

MANY QUESTIONS IN
COMMONS.

London, Dec. 8.

Only Empire teas will be bought for the Army and the Royal Air Force in future, declared Mr. A. Duff Cooper, in the House of Commons to-day.

Later, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said he had noted the representations and communications of the Empire Tea Associations, but he was unable to make a further statement, regarding preferences, for the present.

Asked to prevent the blending of Java with Empire teas, which were being sold as "Empire Blend," Mr. Hore Belisha, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said he would consider the matter if furnished with particulars.—*Reuter.*

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